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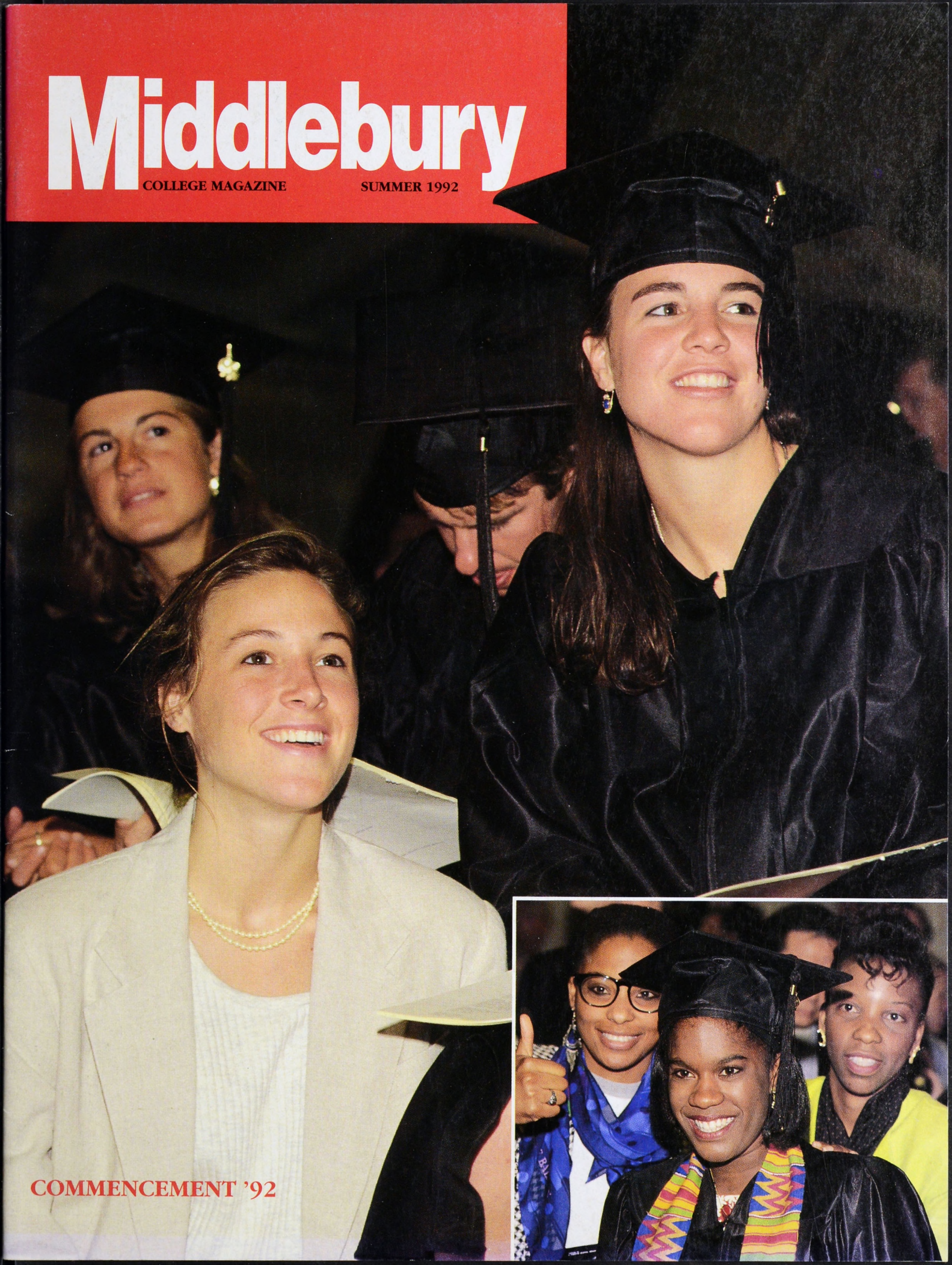

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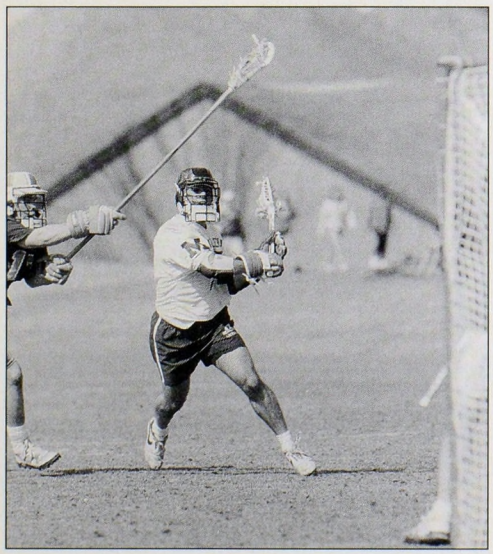

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EDITOR'S NOTE

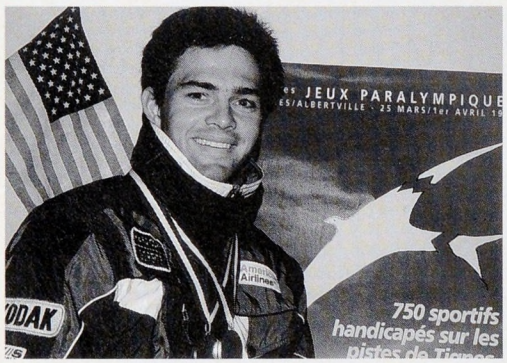
Further adventures of Chris Waddell, and some grammatical confessions

As you read this, it's midsummer, but as we write it, Killington, Vermont's largest ski area, has just barely closed for the season, so we don't feel too guilty talking for just a few more seconds about skiing.

As careful readers of the magazine have no doubt guessed, we're going to update you, again, on the progress of Chris Waddell '92, the Middlebury ski team member who took aim on the U.S. team for this year's Paralympics for disabled athletes, and made it (see the Winter '92 issue, et seq.).

The disabled alpine races were held at Tignes, a relative small resort, by French Alps standards, and that's where Chris spent most of his time.

On the race course, in his first events at this level, all Chris did was take home



Chris Waddell and his silver medals.

two silver medals in the slalom and giant slalom monoski competition, finishing behind Austrian Reinhold Saga in both events. He was three seconds out in the slalom, his first event, but only a tenth of a second from gold in the giant slalom.

In fact, he was leading after the first run of the GS, by a tenth, but in the second run, it was snowing hard, visibility was poor, and he got thrown off the course when he hit a rut. He got it back together, sure he was out of contention, only to discover he'd lost by that tantalizing tenth.

For Chris, the games in France "were really the least stressful part of the season," compared to the series of qualifying races he had to complete to get there. At Tignes, he had some time between races — almost a week — to spectate, train, and get to know the other competitors. "I even got to use some of the French I'd studied," he says, "and it worked pretty well."

He was part of a U.S. disabled team that did extraordinarily well, taking 42 medals in 60-odd starts. That was more medals than any other nation; Germany was the runner-up, with 22.

All in all, it was a great experience, he says, one that made him more determined than ever to keep skiing competitively for at least a couple more years. So this summer, he says, he hopes to "meet with a lot of potential sponsors," in addition to finishing up the one credit he needs to get his Middlebury diploma. He'll also do some sailing, and some road racing.

With next ski season already on his mind, he says he plans to be in the East through October, and then set up a new base of operations out west, probably someplace in Colorado.

So, we offer Chris our congratulations for a great season, and add our hope that he finds all the sponsors he needs to keep himself on snow and going fast.

Les Ingalls '41 brought to our attention a mistake in our brief bio on honorary degree recipient Charles Scott in the Spring '92 issue. Scott was not Middlebury's first chaplain. In fact, he was the third. The first was Marshall Jenkins, who served from 1944-47; the second was Roland Victor Emmanuel Johnson '38, who served from 1947 to 1950. Our thanks to Les for setting us straight.

Also in the Spring issue was this headline: "Who would you nominate?" Not surprisingly, our alert readers were quick to pounce on this one. And the fastest pen belonged to Grace Greene '29 of Worcester, Mass. She enclosed the offending piece of copy, and asked that we "please send it to *whom* it may concern! Doesn't even *my Middlebury* know of the existence of the word 'whom'? And please be aware that 'it's' equals 'it is,' and is not a possessive pronoun! Otherwise the magazine is beautiful, very interesting and informative."

Our thanks to Grace for pointing out the errors of our grammatical ways.

— Tim Etchells '74

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The three C's for the future: Context, clarity and commitment

By John McCardell

This is a slightly edited version of the "State of the College" address delivered by President McCardell at this year's Reunion Convocation, May 30, 1992, in Mead Chapel.

Good morning. I am honored to be joining you today. Although this is my first Reunion Convocation, as I look around, I feel very much at home among so many friends and former students. In this most unusual year, your support and good will have been a source of strength to the McCardells as well as to Middlebury. I am happy to be here; I am honored to be your president.

I would like to give you a sense of all that has gone on here at Middlebury during the past year. I won't try to list all the new things you'll be seeing during your visit — although I will encourage you to tour the new Center for the Arts if you get a chance. And I won't run through all the winning teams we had this year — even though we're terribly proud to have had three ECAC championship teams this spring alone — women's basketball and lacrosse, and men's lacrosse. Nor can I possibly enumerate, without inadvertently giving offense through omission, the many honors received by individual members of this community, though I should say that these include two Guggenheims, six NSF grants, two Fulbrights, one Watson, and a Point of Light.

What I would like to share with you are some of the highlights of the past year.

Much of the year has centered on the long-range planning process which began over a year ago. Earlier this month, following the board of trustees' formal endorsement of the plan, I presented a "State of the College" address to the campus community from this very spot. I would like to share with you now some of the themes addressed on that occasion.

I mean to speak on three themes, briefly: context, clarity and commitment.

First, context. It's vitally important, I think, for us to understand why we are where we are and why that context matters so much for where we're heading. Last years of presidencies are by definition times of postponement. For reasons mostly obvious, initiatives are postponed, new ideas get filed away, anything that might encumber one's successor is put on hold, agendas are deferred. Likewise the first year of a new presidency, particularly when the new president comes from outside, is almost as much by definition a year of postponement. Time is required to learn how the place operates, to know more about who the people who compose the place are, to begin to put certain ideas together, to set certain processes in motion. But in such a year agendas are deferred, initiatives are delayed, postponement for understandable reasons reigns.

Years of acting presidencies are also by definition years of postponement. Initiatives that might be taken, agendas that need to be pursued, possibilities that might even for good reasons encumber or obligate one's successors likewise are postponed. This College has been through three years of postponement. Students who are juniors have lived under three, and I hope no more than three, different presidents. In such circumstances vacuums are created; agendas, at least those of the best organized or those with the loudest voices, sometimes come to fill those vacuums. Sometimes those agendas are those of the institution, sometimes they are not. But it's not always clear which are which.

In such moments one might well lapse into despair over the inability to put together any focussed or clear or widely subscribed to agenda. Not only have we lived through three years of postponement, we have done so at a time when, coming out of a very successful capital campaign, we have seen what inevitably happens when campaigns end and new modes of thought are required. There are some who still believe that there is some pot of gold waiting to be dipped into, which in fact isn't there. There has been a sense of relief that occasionally translates itself into a diminution of energies on the College's behalf. Furthermore, we know the size of the applicant pool in absolute numbers is about to reach bottom. The number of 18-year-olds reaches its lowest point next year. And we have lived these transitional years in the context of a national economy that has only begun, it appears, to right itself. The story that will be told of these three years will be not that Middlebury College may have fallen short in any particular area. The story of the last three years is, in the face of all of those circumstances which might well have done in lesser institutions, how well Middlebury College has done.

The sources of that strength, which give all of us confidence as we peer into the future, are everywhere manifest. Our budget is balanced. Much is made on many campuses going through difficult times this spring of the truly tragic choices that need to be made among maintaining financial aid commitments, maintaining academic programs, maintaining crumbling buildings. Institutions that decided to defer particularly that last category in the interest of advancing the first two are now finally finding themselves having to consider reneging on commitments in those first two

areas, which are after all the reason we exist. Deferred maintenance is not a glamorous term, but it's important when you don't have any. Middlebury College doesn't have any, and we are not therefore at present having to choose between human beings and crumbling buildings. The plan commits the College, at least over the next three years, to continue our policy of need-blind admissions and meeting full need, and to continue making a significant annual budgetary provision for maintenance and modernization of the physical plant.

To be sure, to avoid those impossible choices will require the continued prudent management of our funds and the continued financial support of all those — all of you — who share the mission of the College. But I am confident we will rise to those challenges. We have a strong admissions pool and have admitted an extraordinarily strong freshman class next September. We have a strong faculty. We have a dedicated staff. We have an excellent student body and a loyal and supportive body of alumni. The College couldn't be stronger. We have not simply survived; we've done more than that. We have come through this period of postponement and are now poised on the threshold of great things. And let there be no mistake about it. The times of postponement are over. The times of reaction have passed. We have taken control of our destiny and together we will go forward.

Let me speak next of clarity. If the plan recently adopted by the board seeks to do any single thing it seeks to be clear about who we are and where we're heading. Let me make clear what that does and does not mean. The adoption of the plan does not set the comprehensive fee for the next 10 years. It does not represent a decision to build a particular building or to undertake any particular initiatives. It does, however, posit a set of assumptions on those matters. And it does represent a clear signal to those of us in this community that these are the things to which we believe our resources ought properly to be committed and these are the things that we are going to seek to make happen in the next 10 years.

The plan sets forth the kinds of students we seek, what we expect of them and what in turn they should expect of us. More than 200 recommendations suggest the many directions in which we shall need to move aggressively forward toward enactment in the next three years.

Out of more than 50 pages, which represent the merest distillation of hundreds and hundreds of hours of discussions and meetings and work over many months, several themes emerge.

I would like to speak as clearly as I can about those several themes. First, we have in the course of this exercise this year, I trust successfully and fully, reminded ourselves that educating students so that they may carry out the duties of informed citizenship and become leaders in their chosen fields lies at the core of the enterprise that is Middlebury College. All else is secondary. Everything we do arises from and must lead directly back to this simple, central purpose. We will be challenged in the coming years and thus we must challenge ourselves constantly to demonstrate and reinforce that connection and discipline ourselves to place those things that do not demonstrably contribute to the education of our students on the far side of the line. My hope is that this will bring us to a new recognition of common purpose which is, I think, the second theme that ought to emerge from the plan.

We mustn't allow ourselves to abdicate our general responsibilities for the common good. And in that spirit I have repeatedly said in meetings of the Planning Committee this year that my ultimate goal is to abolish the word "constituency" from this campus's vocabulary. Likewise, whether student, faculty, staff or alumni, we must raise our sights beyond our own office or department or program or pet project to serve larger institutional purposes and meet larger institutional needs. The only demands to which we should respond and the only demands to which we will give our most serious and sustained attention must be those demands that we make of ourselves. This College requires of us all an uncommon selflessness. For in the 1990s we cannot do it all nor can we have it all. What we do we will do extraordinarily well. What we have we will use wisely and prudently.

This plan speaks to education as the core, to selflessness as the mode of behavior, and finally to responsibility and accountability in every sector of the College: to create managerial responsibility for those nearest the problem, increased responsibility for self-governance, and a higher level of accountability for the consequences of one's actions.

What do all of these things mean specifically? In the plan's section on curriculum, for instance, we seek to place a new emphasis on what is frequently referred to as general education and to the notion that there are certain things that we ought to expect all students to know; to recognize that this College is the product of a particular historical and intellectual tradition and to recognize that those who come here must understand that we do not intend to turn our backs on that historical tradition; but at the same time to broaden the limited reach of our own understanding and to insist that the often-used term "other" takes on meaning only when we know what it is "other" than.

We seek the pursuit of two major capital initiatives which represent the common good. I speak first of our space needs in the sciences and second of our space needs in the library. These two major capital projects will be the focus of our development efforts and our planning efforts over the next 10 years. These two buildings lie, and the activities that they house also lie, indisputably at the center of the academic enterprise. These are not discretionary matters. They are matters of central importance to the health of this institution and to its reputation for academic excellence. And I invite all of you to join with me and those to whom will fall the responsibility of planning these initiatives to help us to make sure that these are projects that involve us all in the planning and execution and that when completed they represent our best sense of what is possible for us as a first-rate academic enterprise.

In student affairs we are at the beginning of an exciting new era of social and residential life. I speak of course of the Commons system, and of Faculty Associates who will bear responsibility for organizing much of the lives of these Commons. The Commons system represents the natural evolution of our residential system. It retains what was best in the old arrangements and it lays aside and puts behind us those aspects of the old arrangements that are no longer pertinent to student life in the late 20th century. Most importantly, it brings down to the level of the residence hall in as many ways as possible the same insistence upon responsibility and accountability. Governance, athletics, social programming and academic programming will all be an important part of the Commons system. And as we seek to recognize that this is a community that lives the life of the mind not only in the classroom but beyond, we will create a model social and residential system which will speak to what it is we seek to be and

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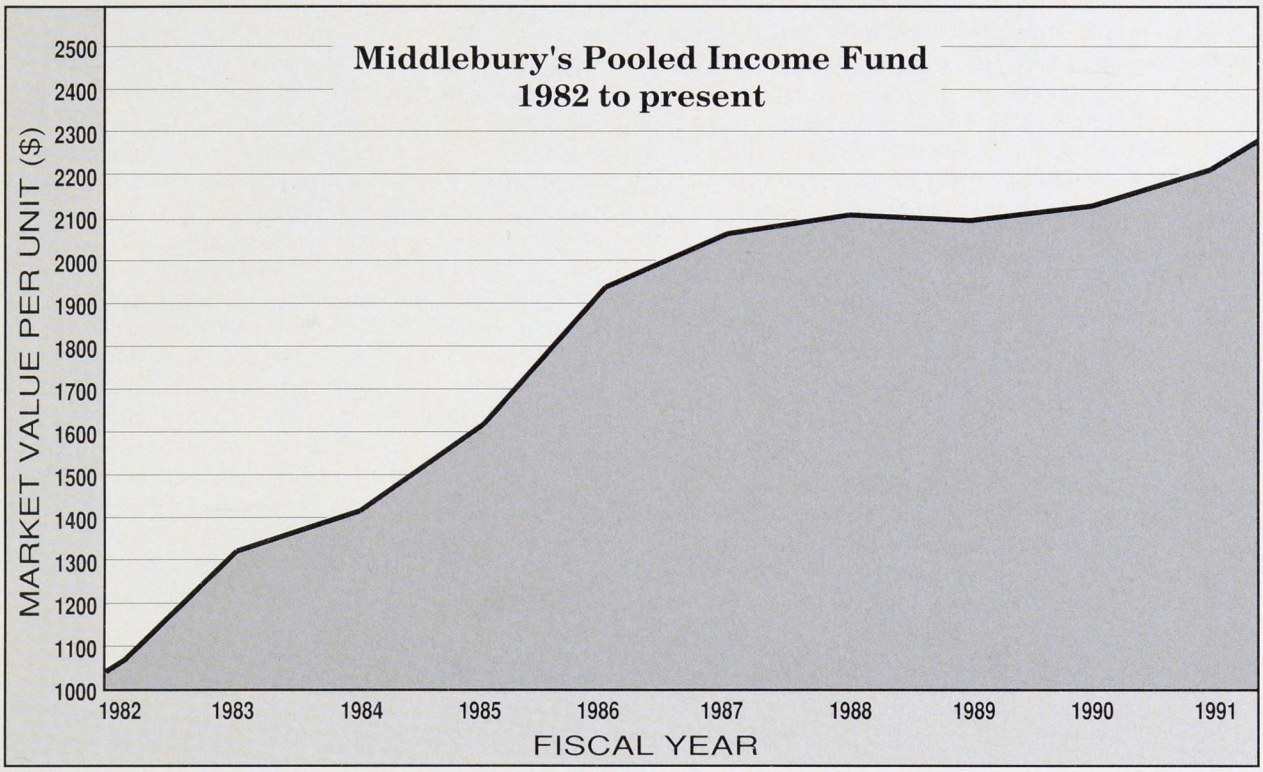

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what it is we mean to do as part of the Middlebury education.

The overriding issue, which I have deliberately put to the end of these comments because I think in many respects it challenges us more than anything I have said thus far, has to do with multi-culturalism. The central purpose of education is, as I have stated several times in the last few minutes, to broaden the limited reach of one's own understanding. All of us who come here are, by virtue of our humanity, imperfect and we imperfectly comprehend the world we inhabit. Sometimes this imperfect comprehension is glaring, even when it manifests itself in clumsy, inadvertently well-intentioned efforts to reach out across cultural boundaries.

We must begin by seeking to understand and by trying to see the world through eyes other than our own. And yet unfamiliar people, new ideas, are often discomforting. This is not, in itself, a bad thing. An education that stresses comfort or that puts learning at risk for the sake of comfort is fraudulent. Sometimes we need to be made uncomfortable, even standing in this pulpit, in order that we might learn. And although we are too often simply a mirror of the real world's imperfections, that does not mean we should not aspire to something higher or nobler than that real world. And those aspirations must take concrete form: A faculty and staff that, like our student body, proves that excellence and color are not mutually exclusive and that offers such proof in growing numbers year by year. A curriculum that in educating students for leadership in the next century offers a grounding in the languages and cultures of the non-western world and a social and residential system that has as its ideal not segregation or separation but full participation in the life of this community.

Our numbers need to grow not because higher numbers are better but because quality comes in all colors. Our curriculum requires balance not because we seek to be politically correct but because we must be culturally alert. Our campus needs to embrace diversity not because we seek some exotic fling but because we fail in our obligation to ourselves and our students and our society if we produce graduates who leave here understanding only their own kind.

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In this spirit is the decision to focus our attention, on the first weekend of the fall term, on a college-wide symposium on 1492, with all of its implications, in a way that we hope will set the patterns and implications and the standards for discussion among us for the balance of the year. We don't shrink from the challenges posed by that topic. We invite them. We mean to take them on.

Let me speak finally of commitment. One of the hazards of ending a planning process, particularly one that has been as protracted and extensive and intensive as this one, is the natural inclination on the one hand to step back, to wipe one's brow, to heave a sigh of relief and say, "Well, thank goodness, that's over. Now we can get back to normal." We must resist, and I shall insist that we resist, the temptation to return to the familiar beaten grooves of the past. An equally attractive temptation is to look at the list of 200 recommendations, look at a plan that is meant to be carried out over 10 years and say, "Let's do them all now," or, "Let's do 10 years in five." For the same reason that business as usual will no longer serve us well, a diffusion of energies in the way I've just described will equally mislead us and ultimately frustrate us. Something in between a comfortable reclining in the status quo or a frantic attempt to accelerate the coming of the future must be our mode. This requires of us a high degree of self-discipline and also of stamina. Self-discipline, in that we must proceed deliberately to our objectives, and muster the resources before a project goes forward; stamina, because 10 years is a long time! Both the self-discipline and stamina are required if commitment is to be genuine. Before you, I pledge myself and my administration to both, and I ask for your understanding, your support and your continued commitment, which your presence here demonstrates, and which has for many years shone like a beacon through good times and bad.

Now, I've gone on at great length and rather more soberly than is my inclination and I close with a favorite anecdote. Some of you have heard this one before — it is about to be retired!

In the depths of the Seven Years War in the late 1750s England, recognizing its declining fortunes in that conflict, was determined to set things right and appointed the supercilious and expert General Edward Braddock to come over to the colonies to whip those barbarians into shape. He knew exactly how it was to be done. He had a plan, he had a system, he had lieutenants. He put it all in place. They wore red coats. They marched in formation into the wilderness. They were ambushed. They were driven back in retreat and General Braddock, as his mortally wounded body was carried from the field, made a final comment that I think ought to be engraved over the door of every college president in this country. "We shall know better," he gasped "how to deal with them next time."

For me, for us, this is next time. This is our time. I cannot adequately express just how much your support has meant this year. The best way to thank you is to prove that your confidence in me has not been misplaced. Last week at Baccalaureate, I spoke to the Class of 1992, and reminded them that, 50 years ago, the Class of 1942 faced a far less promising future: an international menace, a world war, lives disrupted, careers postponed. Fifty years from now, in the year 2042, those young people will be seated where you are today. We can hardly envision the world they will inhabit, and yet we are called upon to prepare them and their successors to inherit and to shape and to lead that world. It is a daunting task — but we are equal to it. For them, like you, this place and their four years spent here, will be a touchstone, a point of connection and reconnection, as year succeeds to year. I close today as I closed one week ago in that Baccalaureate address, with a simple wish:

Go softly, yet confidently, into the future. Know that our thoughts and our prayers go with you. Know too that you are always welcome here, for you are our future as well as our past. May you continue for the rest of your lives to seek to broaden the reach of your own limited understanding. May you never take yourselves too seriously. And may you always retain a sense of humor, which is, after all, nothing more than a sense of perspective. May you strive to set your feet on lofty places. Finally, may you from time to time lift your eyes to these hills, from whose strength generations of Middlebury men and women have drawn confidence and courage and hope. We will not forget you ... and we wish you well, until we meet again.

Another view on town-gown relationship; the limits of planning; thanks from CC&P

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Town and gown: A healthy partnership

To the editor: I am writing in response to the letter of William V. Woodward '64 which appeared in the Spring issue. I am writing as a Middlebury neighbor, a two-time Middlebury parent and an individual who is active in the Middlebury community and in various organizations that work to tie local people with the College.

I do not know who Mr. Woodward spoke to among the local citizens, but from my many contacts with a broad range of individuals I have heard little if any carping about or criticism of the College. Of course, there are remarks about the unusual architecture of the new Center for the Arts by some, and concern over the dominant economic influence that a big entity has in any small town. By and large, however, I believe that the town and gown relationship is healthy and favorable. For many of us who are familiar with other campus-town situations, this is commented on as outstanding. The College goes out of its way to make sure that it accommodates the people of the surrounding area to the best of its ability, in keeping with its own obligations to its students, faculty and staff.

Also, there is a very high regard for former President Olin Robison. It is felt he was instrumental in establishing this sense of good community relations. He is also given much credit for bringing to Middlebury a growing number of programs of national and international importance, programs which have in large measure been available for everyone in this area. Robison has a good reputation as a scholar and his return to the campus to continue his teaching career is regarded as a plus for the school. Few if any would disagree that the attempted cutback in the staff was a botched job, but many feel that President Light may have been left holding the bag. Certainly the new president, John McCardell, is highly regarded by all who know him.

I feel that Mr. Woodward has somehow gotten his signals mixed up and sees a decline in the College where most of us who are living nearby see an even finer collegiate atmosphere. Middlebury students, the heart of the matter, seem in the main to be excellent and serious students who lead the nation in their willingness to participate in community volunteer services. Those who live in the town of Middlebury and its environs are proud of Middlebury College and feel that a key reason for our living here is because the College and its people are such a treasure. I hope that on his next visit to Vermont from the glorious landscape of Wyoming, Mr. Woodward will meet up with a different set of Vermonters to set him straight.

HARRY E. COLWELL
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Be cognizant of the limits of planning

"Planning is priceless; plans are worthless." This quote from Dwight D. Eisenhower came to mind in reading "Plan Talk" in the Spring '92 issue.

Eight years before retirement, I developed and installed a planning system in a multi-billion dollar company with 45,000 employees. Time elapsed from proposal to production of the first plan was four months; subsequent annual updates consumed two months. My staff was five people including myself and a secretary. Since I subscribed to the dictum that the "do-ers" are the planners and the planners are the "doers," we had parttime coordinators in major departments to compile annual snapshots (plans) and transmit them to us for analysis and issue identification. Our mission statement was one paragraph of two sentences and each year our corporate objectives were listed on one side of a sheet of paper. One reason the people in the company accepted this discipline was that we were the poorest performer in our industry regardless of which measurement was used; three years later we were among the top performers and continued to stay there.

My eight years of planning experience — and occasional work with domestic and foreign companies since retiring — have convinced me that a well thought out, disciplined planning process leads people to use their resources and skills creatively and constructively regardless of the nature of their business or activity.

Successful planning systems (GE and Royal Dutch Shell are among the best) seem to have certain characteristics lacking in most others: specificity, accountability, measurability, ease of understanding, internal consistency and issue identification.

Although five years have passed since my last contact with a planning system, I still know a good one when I see it. After reading "Plan Talk," and "From the President" several times, I conclude that much energetic work has been done; the product, i.e. mission, principles, goals, etc., should serve well as a vehicle for creating short-term enthusiasm and interest.

Indeed, once the forcefully stated good intentions, wishful thoughts and platitudes are dispensed with, there are two or three promising elements indicating several college activities that may receive continuing attention. These could serve as a starting point for developing a useful, pragmatic way of planning that should become a normal, expected way of life. However, my experience suggests that people relying on "six pages of spread sheets containing financial projections for the next decade" are deluding themselves. The use of such data is symptomatic of a well-known planning trap: The fallacy that the future will be just like the past, except for the few elements of change that we are aware of personally.

In conclusion, let me warn you that planning is not a panacea; rather it is a way of enabling people to examine continuously the future implications of current choices of action. It starts with the "here and now" and helps us to evaluate where we are, which is the most

realistically desirable future, and what are the resources needed to get us there. This is about the most we can expect to accomplish as ordinary humans and it demands that we commit ourselves to participate in an unnatural act — thinking.

I suggest that thoughtful people at Middlebury reread Eisenhower's statement. I am not an admirer of his, but I have come to realize that once his message is understood, planning can begin.

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Don't let a campaign derail needed change

Anyone attempting an analysis of the so-called draft planning document printed in your Spring '92 issue must first recognize the document for what it actually is: an opening step in that well-choreographed and seemingly essential ritual of contemporary college management known as the capital campaign. As the document's final sentence unambiguously states, "A public phase for a capital fund drive will begin during the 1994-95 academic year." Most of the preceding 6,500 words present a preliminary design for the new campaign's rhetorical packaging.

During the past three decades, the capital campaign has become so familiar, and its benefits to American higher education so striking, that it will seem heretical to many people to suggest that it may have outlived its utility. That, nevertheless, is an argument I intend to make. The key question is not whether the campaign will succeed in attaining its stated financial goals — long experience suggests that as an almost foregone conclusion — but whether its success will exacerbate the problems it purports to be solving.

Let's start with the college's operating budget. Year after year it persists in rising at a rate well in excess of the Consumer Price Index. This has come to require an annual increase in student fees higher than the overall inflation factor, which means that an increasing proportion of otherwise qualified students can't afford the full cost of attending the College. As long as the College adheres to its policy of "need-blind" admissions — admirable enough in itself — this means that the financial-aid component of the budget must rise substantially each year. (The plan document posits as one of the campaign goals the addition to endowment of 25 to 30 million dollars to underwrite increasing aid costs.)

Another large increment in annual operating costs inevitably follows the new construction that is always a prominent objective of the capital campaign. The reasons are obvious — increases in utility costs, insurance, upkeep and staffing for the buildings themselves, plus the added material and personnel costs of the new or expanded programs some of the buildings are designed to house. There are also the substantial costs of running the campaign. Some of these are probably absorbed into the operating budget.

(An important intangible cost of the capital campaign is the drain on the time and energy of the senior college officials, particularly the president, who must become heavily involved in it. It has occurred to me, purely on speculation, that one of the reasons Tim Light discovered an imperfect "fit" between himself and Middlebury could have been his reluctance to take on the campaign responsibility.)

Now let's ask if this is the way things have to be if Middlebury is to retain and enhance its standing as a leading liberal arts college. I believe the answer is no. The standard rationale for recurring campaigns, of course, is that the college has no choice but to keep up with the competition, but this is simply a circular argument that serves all participants in the game equally well. Middlebury should forget the competition and ask itself how it can most economically attain and maintain its goal of creating a setting where academically-able and self-motivated students can pursue a liberal education under the direction of faculty members *whose primary professional interest is in undergraduate teaching.*

That may sound like a simple and wholly reasonable goal. But the facts are otherwise. Today's typical faculty members are products of an educational regime that puts overwhelming emphasis on mastery of an often highly-specialized body of knowledge within one of the disciplines. In all likelihood, they will gain some teaching experience as graduate assistants, but they will have had little if any formal preparation in teaching techniques and, more often than not, teaching, *per se*, will not rank high among their career goals. They will have perceived that the safest bet for advancement in their careers will come through expanding mastery and publication in their disciplinary specialties.

As a general rule, that's the way the system works. Fortunately, there are always human exceptions to the rule — men and women who find their primary psychic rewards in practicing the art of teaching. Those, by and large, are the people Middlebury should be attracting to its faculty ranks. But that's easier said than done. New faculty are usually hired at the initiative of the individual disciplinary departments, and the teaching ability of candidates is likely to run a poor second to the subject matter they are prepared to teach. And then, people who turn out to be superior teachers (the popularity of their courses is probably the best guide to their talent, since faculty bodies are notoriously reluctant to submit their members to objective assessments of classroom performance), does not necessarily gain points with the departmental superiors who sooner or later will be called upon to grant or deny tenure. Once tenure is granted, whatever the faculty members' teaching ability and commitment, the college is stuck with them.

This is a thorny situation that institutions like Middlebury have been struggling to resolve, without notable success, for many years. That the people who compiled the current planning document are well aware of the problems is clear enough from a careful reading of the principles, goals and recommendations that they have assembled under the heading, "Role of the Faculty." What is required, as they implicitly concede, is that some fundamental changes in recruiting, evaluating and rewarding faculty must be instituted if a faculty whose primary commitment is to teaching is to be assembled.

It's all summed up, albeit rather vaguely, in recommendation 6, which calls for appointment of "a special committee to undertake a full review of our rules for reappointment, and tenure, and to make necessary recommendations for change so that faculty are reviewed in ways that are consistent with the expectations deriving from our educational mission." One may hope that this is something more than a pious wish that will somehow never progress beyond its formulation. What can be guaranteed, if the College does seriously pursue the reforms hinted at in this section on the faculty, is that a lot of blood will be shed and extraordinarily strong leadership by the president, with the full backing of the trustees, will be required.

Unfortunately, once the College is caught up in the hustle and bustle of a new capital campaign, little if any reform in its basic policies and procedures is likely to occur. The people who should be leading the reform effort will be too busy with other matters, and less than eager to raise divisive

issues that could have a dampening effect on the campaign.

Finally, nothing I've said above should be taken to impugn the Middlebury faculty or any of its individual members, with none of whom I am acquainted. As for authority for my comments, they are based on 21 years of experience as a development and public relations staff officer at Brown University, New College and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Each of these institutions, during my tenure, was pursuing vigorous experiments in curricular reform, with attendant proposed changes in faculty organization and responsibilities.

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CC&P sends thanks to parents and alumni

On behalf of all of us at the Career Counseling and Placement Office, I would like to thank the many alumni and parents who give so generously of their time to support our programs. Our students and alumni truly value the insights offered during informational interviews with more experienced graduates. As career counselors, we know there is no better source of accurate career information than that provided by professionals actively engaged in the work to which one may eventually aspire. Not surprisingly, the computer program listing alumni and parent career advisor volunteers is one of the most heavily used resources of our office.

In addition to providing an overview of their work and informal advice regarding preparation for a profession, we also appreciate the contributions of alumni and parent volunteers who are in regular contact with CC&P, alerting us to internship and job openings, representing their employers in office-sponsored recruitment programs and forwarding printed information pertinent to their organizations or sectors of the economy.

We hope that parents and alumni will let us know if they would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities lending support and assistance to graduates and current students of Middlebury. If, for any reason, you've been serving in such a capacity for some time and would like to take some time off, just let me know. Our alumni and parent volunteers are vital resources; we appreciate all you do to help us as we help others with their career development.

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BOOK REPORTS

Making the Most of Your Money

By Jane Bryant Quinn '60; Simon & Schuster, New York, N.Y.

Jane Bryant Quinn, an award-winning print and broadcast journalist and one of the country's leading experts on personal finance, has written a book that is devoted exclusively to money management. Subtitled "Smart Ways to Create Wealth and Plan your Finances in the '90s," her new book tells readers how to assess where they are financially, map out where they want to go, and develop an action plan to get there, with a balanced, real-world approach to savings, investment and insurance.

Soar With the Eagles

By Charles S. Lauer '52; CCI Books, Walla Walla, Wash.

Charles Lauer is the publisher of *Modern Healthcare Magazine*, and this book is an outgrowth of that magazine's popular "Publisher's Letter" column. Lauer is also the vice president of the Chicago-based Crain Communications. In the book, Lauer challenges his readers to "stop scratching the ground in search of anything remotely nourishing," and instead join the eagles who soar above the earth. Lauer challenges his readers to declare war on mediocrity, in work, relationships and in life itself. He shares real-life stories and personal convictions, and tells what works and what doesn't in achieving personal and professional success.

Engendering Culture

Manhood and Womanhood in New Deal Public Art and Theater

By Barbara Melosh '72; Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, D.C.

Using the iconography of New Deal murals and plays to interpret the cultural history of the 1930's, *Engendering Culture* demonstrates that the visual and dramatic images of each form contain an underlying vocabulary of gender. In so doing, the author, an associate professor of English at George Mason University, adds a new perspective on the fate of the women's movement in the '30s, explores the process of accommodation and resistance that still informs changing sex roles, and examines images of gender as metaphors and symbols of other social relationships, such as class and politics. A handsome hardbound book in a large format, with hundreds of illustrations, many in color.

Don't Look Back

An Olympic Skiing Competitor and Coach Shares His Story and Training Program

By John Morton '68; Stackpole Books, Harrisburg, Pa.

John Morton is a former member of the Middlebury ski team, a former Olympic competitor, a former head coach of the Dartmouth ski team and is now a top-notch masters competitor. In *Don't Look Back*, he talks about his life in skiing (including some hilarious moments from his years on the Middlebury team), and discusses his approach to competition, as racer and coach. It's a how-to book that's a joy to read, particularly for anyone connected with ski competition.

Constructive Years

The U.S. Economy Under Eisenhower

By Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier '29; University Press of America, New York, N.Y.

One of America's foremost economists, Dr. Raymond Saulnier served as Dwight D. Eisenhower's chief financial advisor during Eisenhower's second term, 1956-61, during which time he managed the U.S. government's last budget *surplus*. In this book, he analyzes the economic climate from 1953 to 1961, explores the philosophy of government that determined the president's policies, looks in detail at Eisenhower's attempts to realize his economic goals, and points out the lessons of Eisenhower's economic strategies that could be applied to current and future economic environments. Dr. Saulnier is an emeritus trustee of Middlebury, and received an honorary doctorate from the College in 1955.

Private Parts

By Rebecca T. Godwin, M.A. Bread Loaf '88; The Longstreet Press, Marietta, Ga.

Rebecca Godwin's first novel, *Private Parts* is the story of Mattie Turner, her brief courtship and subsequent marriage to Jimmy Lee Turner, and their lives together in Red Hill, South Carolina. Godwin, who lives in upstate New York and works in advertising and public relations, is at work on a second novel.

Around THE Hill

John McCardell becomes College's 15th president

This spring, the board of trustees decided that Acting President John McCardell had been acting president long enough. So they took the "acting" out of his title.

McCardell, who took the job of acting president last fall following the resignation of Timothy Light, becomes the 15th president in Middlebury's nearly 200-year history, and only the second ever selected from the ranks of Middlebury's faculty. The first was Ezra Brainerd, who became the eighth president more than a century ago.

The board's decision was announced at a meeting in the McCullough Student Center on April 10, attended by about 300 trustees, faculty, staff and students. The announcement came at 3 in the afternoon, after the trustees had spent most of the day in meetings, discussing the College's long-range plan, and completing a review, under way for several weeks, of McCardell's performance as acting president.

Board member Claire Waterhouse Gargalli '64 told the crowd that the review of McCardell's performance had included consultations with "representatives from all sectors of the College community." Gargalli read a statement from the board saying that they were "pleased to announce that the Middlebury College board of trustees has voted unanimously to name Professor John McCardell the 15th president of Middlebury College, effective immediately. In so doing, the board wishes to extend its appreciation to Professor McCardell for his service as acting president for the past seven months. He and Bonnie have given enthusiastically of themselves and we are fortunate to have a team to lead us who are so committed to the College.

"During the past seven months, John McCardell has exercised his leadership to help draw the community together. He has impressed us with his clear vision and with his oversight and guidance of the planning process, demanding and receiving the involvement of the whole community in a manner unprecedented on the campus. The participation and support of the Middlebury community at this critical time is also acknowledged with thanks."

The statement also said that the new president "has the full support of the board in carrying out the plan. We have complete confidence that under his leadership, Middlebury College will continue its ascent within that small group of our nation's truly distinguished educational institutions. ... This is a time of great challenge for Middlebury, for higher education and for our country and our world. Institutions like Middlebury were never more critical in setting the agenda for the future. We now confer upon John McCardell the responsibility to raise our sights as he leads us toward another century."

At the meeting announcing that he had been named Middlebury's 15th president, John McCardell holds aloft Gamaliel Painter's cane after receiving it from trustee Robert Youngman '64.

After remarks from representatives of the alumni, students, staff and faculty, John McCardell gave a brief acceptance speech, saying that he was "genuinely moved, more than I might ever have imagined, by this event, by your kind and generous words, Claire, and by such a turnout on such short notice, on a Friday afternoon. Almost exactly seven months ago, I stood before you at a moment of crisis and uncertainty for the College. I sought your support as, together, we began the process of healing and planning. Though we are not fully healed, our community has begun to mend. And, though we have not quite

etched its details, the vision of our future is clear and the prospects before us are hopeful and promising. Through this unusual year I have been sustained by a supportive board, by many friends (old and new) amongst the faculty, staff and student body, and especially by those who might have wished Dad were around a bit more often, but who understood, and in countless ways helped me to answer the call of duty. Without each of you, I — we — would not be here today. Without all of you, we cannot go forward. With you, there is nothing we cannot do.

"Almost exactly 106 years ago, on April 17, 1886, the board named Ezra Brainerd, a longtime faculty member who had been serving as acting president that year, to be the eighth president of Middlebury College. Brainerd thought his service in the faculty to have been ideal preparation for the duties of the presidency. I quote him approvingly: 'I had had (as a faculty member),' he stated, 'frequent object lessons in what a college president ought *not* to do.' President Brainerd understood the history of this remarkable place, and because he knew it so intimately, he led it into a new century and up to new heights of distinction. He met, as all leaders must meet, the challenge of articulating the special claims of Middlebury College, of augmenting its resources, of deciding when to say yes and when no. I do not shrink from those challenges. I face them with equanimity because I share President Brainerd's confidence in the energy, the dedication, the resourcefulness, the ability and the integrity of this community.

"In the coming years, we face challenges that will force us to change. The new chapter of our history which begins today will tell the story of how willing we were to try new things, to adapt old things, but above all, to stare inertia down. Before the end of this term, I mean to speak at greater length about what this means for us in the exciting decade we face. But now is a time for celebration, not of me, but of Middlebury College. Of me, when I have completed this latest task, the poet, I hope, will have said it best: 'They would not find me changed from him they knew — only more sure of all I thought was true.' Of the College, Ezra Brainerd, in his inaugural address, got it exactly right: 'The courage with which I enter upon the responsible duties of my new position arise largely from the assurance you have given me of your cordial support. I believe that you are ready to do all in your power to promote the interests of the College. ... May God bless our dear alma mater, and let all the alumni say, Amen!' To which, on behalf of all of us gathered here today, I say simply, 'Amen.' "

Also at the meeting, at which President McCardell was joined by his wife Bonnie and their sons James and John Malcolm, board member Robert Youngman '64 presented the new president with the traditional symbol of the office — Gamaliel Painter's cane.

As of late spring, plans called for an official inauguration ceremony to take place after the start of the fall term in September.

Students rally for greater diversity in student body, faculty, curriculum

On three occasions this spring, minority students voiced their displeasure with the College's progress in recruiting and retaining minority students, faculty and staff, and with a perceived lack of diversity in the curriculum.

On the afternoon of April 27, about 75 students marched in front of and around Old Chapel in a rally calling for increased diversity in the College community and the curriculum. Most of those marching were members of the three organizations sponsoring the rally: the African-American Alliance, the Alianza Latinoamericana y Caribena (a group representing Latino students), and the Middlebury Asian Students Organization. During the three or four hour rally, the students carried banners and chanted slogans:

"What do we need? Diversity. When do we need it? Now."

"A people united will never be divided."

"No more lip service."

"Diversity in the curriculum."

"Old Chapel, move your butt."

"No excuse, just produce."

"Don't just dump us, do something for us."

The last slogan was a reference to the students' belief that while the College has recruited increasing numbers of minority students, not enough is done to support them once they arrive on campus.

Students, faculty and staff gathered in front of McCullough on May 1 in a vigil for peace, following the Rodney King verdict.

Several administrators talked with the students, including President John McCardell. He told the students that the administration, too, was sometimes frustrated at the pace of change, but restated the College's commitment to increased diversity in the curriculum, and to increasing the percentage of minority students who graduate from Middlebury, not just the percentage of those who matriculate. He also promised to address their concerns in a "state of the college" address later in the spring.

On May 1, the day after the Rodney King verdict and as the riots raged in Los Angeles, students, faculty and staff gathered in front of McCullough for a vigil for peace. The session lasted about three hours, and saw discussions of race relations in general, and the problems of minorities at Middlebury in particular. Also in response to the King verdict, on May 4, President McCardell sent a memo to the College community saying that, "in light of the deeply disturbing events of the past week, I and a group of presidents of institutions similar to Middlebury have sent a telegram to the White House."

The telegram, reproduced

in the memo, was addressed to President Bush, and read: "As concerned educators responsible for the well-being of our students, we urge you to move with vigor and persistence, using all the legal means at the disposal of the federal government, to ensure that justice is fully served in the Rodney King case, and that our young people do not lose faith in the ultimate integrity of our American system of justice." The telegram was signed by President McCardell and 12 other college and university presidents, including those of Williams, Amherst, Wesleyan, Bowdoin, Bates, Smith and Wellesley.

The president delivered his promised state of the college address on May 11 in Mead Chapel. As the speech began, a group of about 75 minority students sat in the first several rows on one side of the ground floor level. After the president had been speaking for about half an hour, and had not yet mentioned the minority issues that had been raised during and following the April 27 rally, the minority students got up and walked out en masse.

Just a few minutes later in the speech, saying that he had purposely left the treatment of the subject for last because of its importance, and clearly disappointed at losing part of his audience, the president talked about multiculturalism.

"The central purpose of education," he said, "is to broaden the limited reach of one's own understanding. All of us who come here are, by virtue of our humanity, imperfect, and we imperfectly comprehend the world we inhabit. Sometimes this imperfect comprehension is glaring, even when it manifests itself in clumsy, inadvertently well-intentioned efforts to reach out across cultural boundaries. We must begin by seeking to understand, and by trying to see the world through eyes other than our own. Yet unfamiliar people, and new ideas, are often discomforting, and this is not itself a bad thing. An education that stresses comfort or that puts learning at risk for the sake of comfort is fraudulent. Sometimes we need to be made uncomfortable in order that we might learn.

"Yet, although we are too often simply a mirror of the 'real world's' imperfections, that does not mean we shouldn't aspire to something higher or nobler than that 'real world.' And those aspirations must take concrete form: a faculty and staff that, like our student body, proves that excellence and color are not mutually exclusive, and that offers such proof in growing numbers year by year; a curriculum that, in educating students for leadership in the next century, offers a grounding in the languages and cultures of the non-Western world; and a social and residential system that has as its ideal not segregation or separation but full participation in the life of this community. Our numbers need to grow, not because higher numbers are better, but because quality comes in all colors.

"Our curriculum requires balance, not because we seek to be politically correct, but because we need to be culturally alert. Our campus needs to embrace diversity not because we seek some exotic fling, but because we fail in our obligation to society if we produce graduates who leave here understanding only their own kind."

The president also announced that next fall would begin with a major symposium on the theme of "1492," and all that year implies in terms of multicultural issues. He also said that he had completed discussions, begun before any of the demonstrations, with Leroy Nesbitt '82, who is assistant university counsel at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and that Nesbitt had agreed to come to Middlebury next year as a special assistant to the president for multicultural affairs. Nesbitt, who was head of the Black Student Union for two years while an undergraduate at Middlebury, will be taking a leave from his job at Howard.

The students who had walked out went straight to Old Chapel and began what would be about a 24-hour "sit-in" outside the entrance to the building, demanding to talk to the president about their demands. President McCardell, for his part, told the students he wanted to talk with them, but not until they'd ended their demonstration. The students stayed outside the building overnight and into the next day, before ending their protest. The president, as promised, then spoke with leaders of the student groups.

Following that discussion, on May 13, the president issued a statement, saying that with the student demonstration over, "I here reiterate, on behalf of the College, my commitment in the next three years to the aggressive recruitment and retention of students, faculty and staff of color; to a diversified curriculum that involves all departments; to a fair and adequate allocation of institutional funds to the ALC, AAA, MASO and the Bi-Cultural Living and Learning Center, in accordance with established budgetary procedures; to the appointment of a special assistant to the president for multi-cultural affairs; and, in accordance with College rules and procedures, the support of a Bi-Cultural Living and Learning Center.

"The long range planning document approved by the board of trustees last Saturday speaks in greater detail to many of these matters. My remarks in the Chapel on Monday ... constitute the framework within which these commitments will be pursued."

Potomac Project opens sixth season

The critically-acclaimed Potomac Theatre Project is back in Washington, D.C., this summer, for its sixth season. The Project is directed by Cheryl Faraone and Richard Romagnoli, a husband and wife team who are both members of Middlebury's theatre faculty, along with Jim Petosa. This summer's performances, featuring a number of Middlebury students, will be held at Georgetown University's Hall of Nations Theatre.

The production this year, Faraone says, will be a single, evening-long "mosaic of political texts — dramatic works and poetry, supported by music and visual images on a series of related themes, including gender issues, human rights, parenting, and governmental oppression." Shows will be August 4-30, Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. For information and reservations for the free performances, call 202/863-9385. Potomac participants pictured above are: front row, from left, Ana Reeder '93, Faraone and Andra Harbold '94; back row, Matt Saldivar '92, Jen Kiefer '92, Stephen Thirolle '93, Romagnoli and Andy Dickey '92. Also taking part will be Annmarie Benedict '93, Laura Wells '93 and Lee Rose '88.

FACULTY NOTES

Trustees endorse long-range plan

On May 9, Middlebury's board of trustees officially ratified the College's long-range planning report, which the board had endorsed in principal earlier in the year. (See "Plan speaking," Spring '92).

The plan is the product of more than a year of work by the College's Planning Committee, chaired by President John McCardell. Among the highlights: continued commitments to balanced budgets and need-blind admissions; a gradual reduction in the size of the student body to 1,900; a similar reduction in faculty and staff over the next 10 years; and plans for two major building projects, renovation and expansion of the Science Center and an addition to the library.

Milton Peterson '58, chairman of the board, said that "the total Middlebury College community made this process work. For the past year, we have collectively looked at the balance of this decade and into the next century to examine all aspects of our institutional life. We now have a map showing us where we are going and a plan showing us how to get there."

Two alumni join board of trustees

Robert C. Graham Jr. '63 and William H. Kieffer III '64 are the two newest members of the Middlebury College board of trustees. They were elected term trustees at the board's meeting in May.

Robert Graham, 51, of New York, N.Y., is principal owner and president of the Graham Gallery in New York City, with which he's been associated for more than 30 years.

William Kieffer, 50, of Marblehead, Mass., is a vice president of the State Street Bank and Trust Co. in Boston. He has been a member of the Middlebury College Alumni Association board of directors for seven years, and has been president of the MCAA the past three years.

Marjorie Lamberti (history) has been invited to be a fellow in the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J., for the academic year 1992-93. This fellowship will allow her to pursue research on the history of the elementary school-teaching profession in Germany from 1890 to 1933, and on the fluctuating fortunes of educational reform in the Weimar Republic. Professor Lamberti's most recent book, *State, Society, and the Elementary School in Imperial Germany,* was published by the Oxford University Press in 1989. Lamberti, the Charles A. Dana Professor of History, has previously received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and in 1988 received a research grant from the German Academic Exchange Service to work in Berlin. ... Four Middlebury faculty members have been appointed to endowed professorships. **Travis Jacobs** (history), has been named the Fletcher D. Proctor Professor of American History. **Alicia Andreu** (Spanish and Italian) received the A. Barton Hepburn Women's Professorship. **Richard Wolfson** (physics) is the George Adams Ellis Professor of Liberal Arts. And **Robert Pack** (English) has been named a College Professor. ... Two Middlebury professors have received John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowships for 1992. **Terry R. Hummer** and **Jay Parini** (both English) were among the 149 fellowship recipients, selected from more than 3,200 applicants. Hummer, a poet and the editor of the *New England Review*, will use the fellowship to continue work on his poetry. Parini, a poet, novelist and essayist, will use his fellowship for work on a biography of John Steinbeck. ... **Bob Prigo** (physics), Gregg Humphrey '70 and Susan Lockwood Lewis '58 were among those most directly responsible for a major grant from the National Science Foundation — $10 million over five years — to the State of Vermont to change the way science, math and technology are taught and learned in grades K-12. Prigo is one of five co-principal investigators for the program, called the Statewide Systemic Initiative in Science, Math and Technology. The effort will also be funded by $8 million in matching funds from the state government and Vermont businesses. The grant is an outgrowth of the Vermont Elementary Science Project, in which Prigo, Humphrey and Lewis played key roles. The project was featured in the Summer '91 issue of the magazine. ... *The Long View: Essays on the Discipline of Hope and Poetic Craft*, a book by **Robert Pack** (English) has been published by the University of Massachusetts Press. The book offers 20 essays on the craft of writing and the nature of lyric poetry. In this book, Pack, director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, pays homage to those master poets who have inspired his own work, and reflects on human mortality and the consolations that help us survive — the related pleasures of poetry, laughter and music. ... This spring, The Brookings Institution published a book edited by **Paul Sommers** (economics), *Diamonds Are Forever: The Business of Baseball.* The book — a collection of papers presented at the annual Middlebury College conference on economic issues in 1991 — examines the major trends in the economics of the national pastime, which faces troubling times, even while players and franchises seem to be richer than ever. Also, four articles by Sommers have appeared or been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Recreational Mathematics*: "Are Supreme Court Resignations Non-Stochastic," co-authored with Middlebury students Shirin S. Tabechian and Andrew C. Peach, both '91; "Home-Field Advantage in the World Series: Myth or Reality?"; "Greying of Olympic Gold"; and "Is the Great One Slipping? Not on the Ice," co-authored with Robert Downs, a former Middlebury student who transferred to McGill University. Finally, an article by Sommers, "A Penny for Your Thoughts on Income Distribution," appears in the March 1992 issue of the *Atlantic Economic Journal.* ... **Kirsten Powell** (art) delivered two conference papers this year: "La Fontaine on the Barricades," at the 19th Century French Studies Colloquium in New Orleans; and "The Frontispiece as Cultural Frame: The Case of La Fontaine," at the Modern Languages Association annual meeting in San Francisco. She also published two entries on the Belgian artist Xavier Mellery in an exhibition catalogue of drawings by artists of the Belgian Symbolist group, *Lex XX*, organized by the Spencer Art Museum at the University of Kansas. ... **Alicia Andreu** (Spanish and Italian) gave papers at two recent conferences: "Maternal Voices in the Popular Spanish Novel," in January at Purdue, and "Aproximaciones criticas al testimonio peruano contemporaneo," at a Latin American faculty seminar held at Dartmouth in April. She also published an article, "Ramon Perez de Ayala y el mito de don Juan," in *Anales de la literatura espanola contemporanea*, Vol. 17, No. 3, 1992. ... An article by **Catherine Pease Campbell** (Chinese), "Political Transfor-

mation in Wu Zuxiang's Wartime Novel *Shanhong*," appeared in *Modern Chinese Literature* (Vol. 5, No. 2). The journal was a special issue on Chinese fiction from the War of Resistance against Japan (1937-42), a project which grew out of a panel Campbell organized and chaired at the Association for Asian Studies annual meeting in 1988. ... This fall, a book by **Robert Schine** (religion), *Jewish Thought Adrift: Max Weiner, 1882-1950*, will be published by Scholars Press in Atlanta as part of the Brown Judaic Studies series. Schine continues work on a translation, with a critical introduction, of Weiner's main work, *Judaism in the Age of Emancipation* (Berlin, 1933), one of the last major works of Jewish scholarship published in Nazi Germany. ... **Ewald Neumann** (psychology) will present a paper, "Further evidence for a limited capacity spreading inhibition mechanism in working memory," at the 25th International Congress of Psychology in Brussells in July. Neumann's coauthors on the paper are Julie Cherau '91 and Schaunel Steinnagel '93. Neumann also received a grant from the U.S. National Committee of the International Union of Psychologial Science to cover the cost of transportation to Belgium for the conference. ... **John Emerson** (mathematics and computer science; dean of the College) is coauthor of two chapters in a book, *Medical Uses of Statistics*, published by the New England Journal of Medicine. The chapters address uses of statistics in medical research. Emerson also contributed two chapters, on graphical methods in statistics and the use of mathematical transformations, to the book *Fundamentals of Exploratory Analysis of Variance*. ... **Barbara Bellows** (history) has been elected to the board of trustees of Hollins College in Roanoke, Va. ... **David Dorman** (mathematics and computer science) received a grant from the National Science Foundation to support his project, "Derivatives of L-Series for Elliptic Curves over Function Fields." ... Poems by **Gary Margolis** (English; Counseling and Human Relations) appeared in *To Woo and To Wed*, an anthology of love poetry, edited by Michael Blumenthal. An article, "Earlier Intervention — Confronting the Idea and Practice of Drinking to Drunkenness on College Campuses: A Next Step," appeared in the *Journal of College Student Psychotherapy*. Margolis also recently gave talks at Brown University, on "The Developmental Opportunities of College Students and the Vulnerability to Alcohol"; and at the Brooks School in Andover, Mass., on "The Transition to College." ... **Carol Rifelj** (French; dean of the faculty) gave a paper last October at a Conference on Detective Fiction and Film at Hofstra. The paper was titled, "The Features of the Case: Sherlock Holmes and the Problem of Other Minds." An article by Rifelj, "La Machine humaine: Villiers *l'Eve future* and the Problem of Personal Identity," was recently published by *Nineteenth Century French Studies*. ... **Michael Kraus** (political science) is a member of the International Research and Exchanges Board Selection Committee for Eastern Europe for 1991-92. IREX is the leading American institution for the promotion of intellectual contacts between American scholars and their counterparts in Eastern Europe and the new republics of the former Soviet Union. Kraus is also serving as director of the Middlebury College Center for Russian and East European Studies. ... **John Spencer** (history) traveled to Kenya and South Africa in March, and attended a conference at the University of Cape Town. On his return, Spencer talked with radio host Jack Barry about his experiences in and impressions of South Africa.

SPORTS

BASEBALL

The baseball team had a strong season, finishing at 11-10, just one win shy of the all-time record for wins by a Middlebury team (12, set back in 1915). "It was pleasing to come out above .500," said coach Bob Smith, who credited "a great group of seniors" with holding the team together this year.

Co-captain Doug Ginevan (son of vice president for administration Dave Ginevan) was one of those seniors, and he pitched well all season, finishing with a 6-2 record. The other co-captain, Bill Heslam, led the team in hitting with a .413 batting average, including 26 hits and two home runs. "He's the best outfielder we've had since I've been here," said Smith, who began coaching baseball at Middlebury in 1985. "And he's one of the best I've seen on any of the teams we've played." After the season, Heslam, a senior, was named to the Division III All-New England team.

Other top hitters were Matt Gorra, a sophomore, who batted .377, and Mike Hunn, a junior, with a .368 average. Defensively, Smith said, the team got good performances from the catching tandem of Jeff Milks and Todd Anderson, both sophomores. Senior Ted Leach pitched well, Smith said, but didn't get much in the way of offensive support.

At the end of the year, team members picked senior Colin Leonard as the winner of this year's T. Ragan Ryan '91 Award, which goes to a player who demonstrates a love for the game and a willingess to give his all for the team. The award is a memorial to Ragan Ryan, a member of the class of '91 who died two years ago.

As you might expect, scheduling games this spring was brutal, with late season snow, heavy rains and cold, gray days. "We played every game scheduled," Smith said, "but we didn't play very many on the days they were scheduled."

Oddly enough, a doubleheader that was optimistically scheduled for April 4 at Middlebury did go off according to plan, and provided probably the best day of the season for the Panthers. The team, which had not previously hit a home run in its two-year-old stadium, got four in the two games, two from Paul Casarico, one from Heslam and one from Andy Highland. For the day, the team had 27 hits, got two good pitching performances, and won both games.

Smith expects a good group of returning players, but will welcome all those who want to try out for pitcher: He loses five pitchers to graduation.

TRACK AND FIELD

The Middlebury men's and women's track teams came up with some top-notch performances, individually and as teams, according to coach Martin Beatty.

For the women, some of the strongest performances of the season came from sophomore Jen Hutchins at the NESCAC meet, held at Tufts, and the women's New England meet at Colby. She was the NESCAC champion and All-New England in the javelin, and All-NESCAC and All-New England in the 100 meter hurdles, in which she set a school record this season of 16.55 seconds.

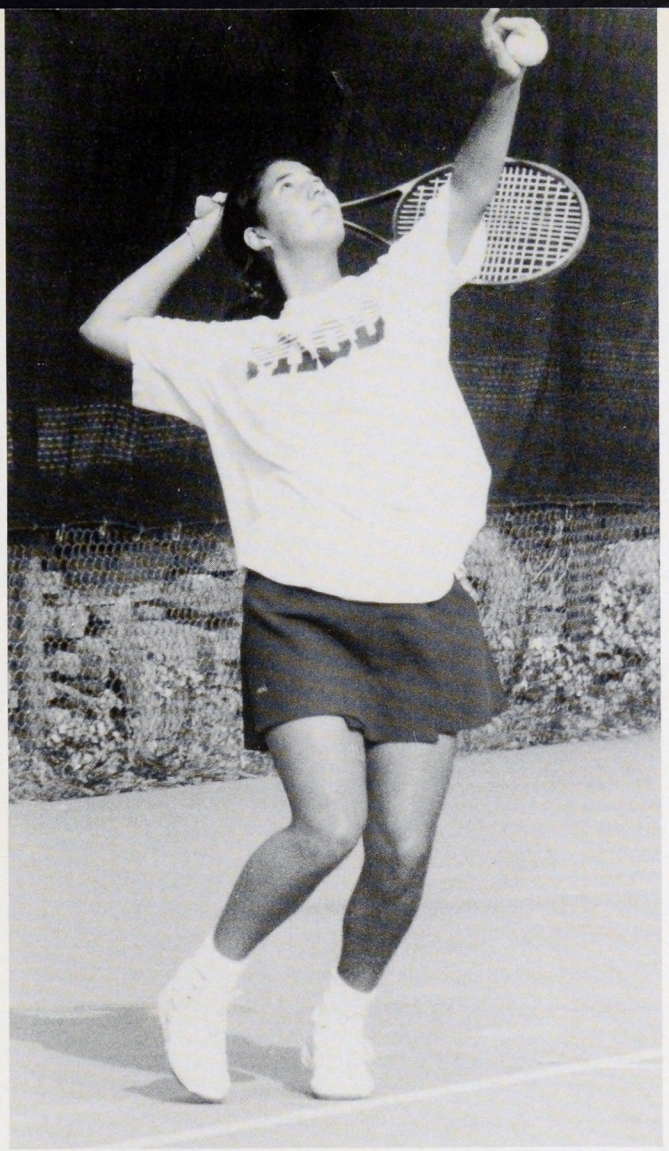
Jen Naylor, a senior, was

All-NESCAC in the shot and the discus, and set school records in both this year, putting the shot 32'8" and throwing the discus 107'8". The women's all-freshman 4 by 800-meter relay team of Jen Hodgen, Heather Fremgen, Ruth Kelty and Rachel Campbell finished third in the New England meet.

On the men's side, the team finished ninth in a 30-team field in the men's New England championships, also at Tufts, despite missing All-New England shotputter Greg Fisher, who was out with an injury. Among the top performers at that meet, and at the combined men's and women's NESCAC meet at Colby were: sophomore Foster Goodrich, who was the New England champion in the discus; and Brian Schilling, a senior, who finished second in the grueling 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NESCAC meet. Schilling qualified for the Division III NCAA championships, held at Colby, and finished seventh in that meet, to earn All-American status.

Also, Anthony Atkinson, a sophomore, was All-New England in the 400 meters. Another sophomore, Kipp Sutton, was All-New England in the long jump and the triple jump, All-NESCAC in the triple jump, and broke the school record in the triple jump, which had stood for 36 years. John Linder, a junior, was the NESCAC champion and All-New England in the pole vault, and the men's 4 by 400-meter relay team of Atkinson, John Cunningham, Ryder Clifford and Aaron Vander Laan was also All-New England.

Beatty says that the successes are remarkable in light of the College's lack of track facilities, and he's looking forward to the day — possibly in 1993 — that work begins on a new track. "It will be nice to have some meets at home," he said. He credited his assistant coaches for much of the team's success, including distance coach Patty Ross (daughter of Jim Ross '51 and Ann McGinley Ross '53); Luke Hott of Bridport, a volunteer who coaches the throwers and consistently helps Middlebury athletes produce All-New England results; and Tom Chambers, who works at the Geonomics Institute and helped Ross with the distance runners.



Chantal Den Broeder '95 made it all the way to the NCAA tennis championships.

TENNIS

The men's and women's tennis teams both had successful spring seasons. On the women's side, freshman Chantal Den Broeder became the first Middlebury player to qualify for the NCAA Division III national championships, at Kalamazoo College in Michigan. In the NCAA's, Den Broeder lost in the first round, 7-5, 6-0, to Erin Hendricks of Pomona-Pitzer in California. Coach Gail Smith accompanied Den Broeder to Michigan for the tournament; the NCAA pays expenses for coaches and players, she said, "as long as you're winning." Smith said Den Broeder is a better player than the score indicated, "and she certainly belonged (in the NCAA's). But she's a freshman, and was a little overwhelmed by the whole thing." Smith expressed confidence that Den Broeder could play her way back to the nationals next season.

Den Broeder, who spent several years learning the game at Palmer Academy in Florida, was ranked eighth in the East and 26th nationally; she and her doubles partner Alison O'Hare '94 were ranked 21st in the nation.

As a team, the women ranked eighth in the East, and Smith said that one of the highlights of the season was a win in the team's own Middlebury Invitational, over a field that included Ithaca, St. Lawrence, UVM, Amherst, Williams and Wheaton.

On the men's side, John Hosbein '92, Middlebury's captain, capped his career by becoming co-recipient of the Chaffee Award, for leadership and sportsmanship, at the NESCAC tournament. Also at that meet, Hosbein and doubles partner Steve Pozatek '95 advanced to the finals in No. 1 doubles, losing in three sets to a team that went on to play in the NCAA Division III championships. Also performing well at the NESCAC's, according to Smith, was the doubles team of Rich Paterniti and Lance Klingler, both juniors, who made it to the finals in No. 2 doubles. Paterniti has since been elected captain for next year's team.

GOLF

The golf team's season was a short one — just three days, in fact — due to the cold, wet spring in New England. The team took part in only two meets: a dual meet with Union, won by Middlebury 414-429; and the NESCAC championships hosted by Williams, in which Middlebury finished fifth out of the seven teams.

Middlebury was supposed to be the host for the NESCAC's this year, but the Ralph Myhre course was covered with snow on the appointed weekend.

Coach Russ Reilly said that despite the abbreviated season, there was some good golf played. The top two players, he said, were Doug Clarner '94 and Zach Peterson '93, both of whom averaged around 81 strokes per round. Freshmen Eric Carter also played well this spring, Reilly said, but suffered a wrist injury at the NESCAC's and was unable to finish that tournament.

Leave 'em laughing

Commencement '92: Jeff Danziger's zingers, and 437 grads, brought some sunshine to a rainy day

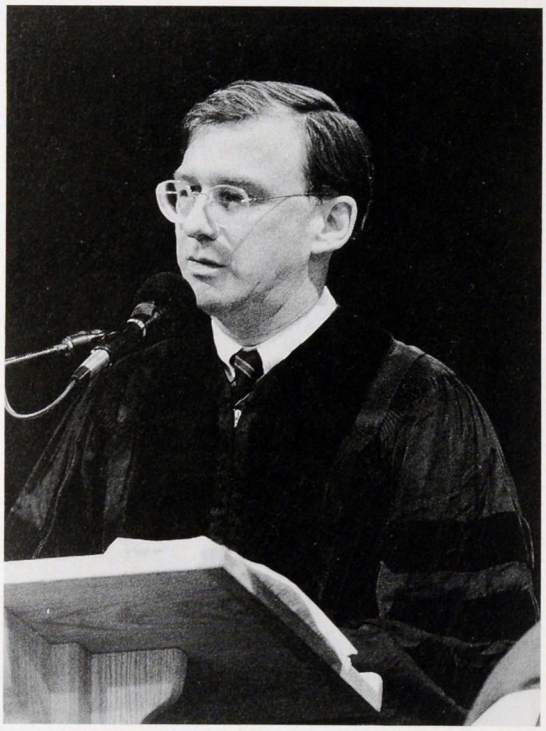
By Tim Etchells '74
Photos by Erik Borg '67

On Saturday, May 23, the day before this year's Commencement, the sun shone and the temperature neared 90 degrees. But, hey, this is Vermont, it was May. You couldn't take anything for granted. So no one was terribly surprised to wake up the next morning and discover that, well, it was hard to tell you were still in the same month, much less the same weekend. Rain had begun overnight, and when it was time to make a decision — indoors or out for graduation — it was a no-brainer. It was raining hard and the temperature had dropped a good 40 degrees from the previous afternoon.

As the time for the big event approached, processions of people under brightly colored umbrellas could be seen making their way toward Nelson Arena at Memorial Field House, the carefully chosen summer outfits covered by rain gear, and even winter coats. But once inside Nelson, the several thousand people on hand created their own mini-climate, one more appropriate to the season.

And in that cavernous hot house, Commencement went off without a major hitch. The band played, dignitaries spoke, the president and the faculty awarded diplomas, parents and friends took pictures, and everywhere folks exchanged kisses, hugs and more than a few high fives.

It should probably be added here that there were a few unfortunate moments, when you could listen to the howls from some corners of the senior class and get the feeling that you weren't at Commencement, but rather at a hockey game. Perhaps it was something emanating from Nelson Arena itself; it is, after all, home to the Panther hockey team. Whatever the reason, this was a rowdy graduation, and at times — for example, when President John McCardell couldn't make himself heard over the din — a bit too rowdy for most tastes.



Jeff Danziger, the 1992 Commencement speaker.

To his credit, Jeff Danziger, a political cartoonist for the *Christian Science Monitor* and a novelist (*Rising Like the Tucson*, a black comedy about Vietnam), was able to turn the yawps to laughter with a Commencement address that had more effective one-liners than most stand-up comedy routines. He allowed that he was honored to be chosen to speak, and acknowledged that the choice probably meant that some comic relief was in order.

"Down at Boston University," Danziger said, "they wanted the same thing this year. They invited Fred Rogers. And at Harvard, they wanted something humorous, too. They asked Gorbachev, who is going to tell some Yeltsin jokes.

"I thought you might prefer something lighter, perhaps, than the usual graduation speech. This is 'graduation speech lite.' Sounds great. Less filling."

A few excerpts from that speech, which, in true Danziger fashion, often made you feel just a bit uncomfortable, even as you were laughing out loud:

"... You get a lot of advice at graduation. You remember how in the movie, *The Graduate*, the guy says to Dustin Hoffman, 'One word, Benjamin: Plastics'? Now it's, 'Two words, Benjamin: Plastic surgery.'

"My one piece of advice is to keep your sense of humor above all. But this is much more difficult in these times than it used to be.

"As I said before, I work primarily as an editorial cartoonist. I read five newspapers a day, read the news magazines, watch CNN, all the news programs, four or five hours of C-SPAN, and so on. It's all war and starvation and crime and death. Very funny stuff.

"But the trouble is, in editorial cartooning these you days, you can't keep up with reality. A few years ago, the writer Tom Wolfe said that the problem with writing fiction these days is that every time you had an idea, non-fiction beat you to it. And cartooning is the same. We now have self-cartooning politicians. I mean, if you proposed a cartoon in which the vice president tries to blame a billion-dollar riot on

As the graduates filed in, above, friends and families checked out camera angles and staked out spots, below.

a television sit-com, no one would print it. Editors would ask, 'Where do you get these crazy ideas?' If you proposed a cartoon on trade dumping where the president of the United States throws up on the prime minister of Japan, everybody's seen it already.

"A woman asked me who I'd voted for in the last two presidential elections, and I told her I'd voted for Reagan, and for Bush, and that I'd vote for Bush again. She didn't believe it. I said, 'Madam, I always vote for Republicans. I'm a political cartoonist, and I vote my pocketbook.' "

"... Dan Quayle told Bush not to worry about the fact that Bush's popularity had fallen to 35 percent. Because Quayle's popularity was 20 percent, and together that added up to 55 percent, so they had the election in the bag."

"... The fact that Mikhail Gorbachev is also a graduation speaker reminds me that you are the first graduating class since the downfall of the Soviet Union. This is serious. For hundreds of years, the United States has always had someone off shore to blame for its problems. From the very first. When the nation was first formed, we blamed King George, then the French, then the Spanish, then later the Japanese and Germans, and then finally the Russians. Now we're just about out of enemies. We're down to twigs and stems. Down to small change. Down to Castro and Noriega.

"We are now spending $90 billion a year to contain Castro. The story is told that Castro sent out his men to put up some posters that said, 'Socialism or Death!' Somebody scribbled underneath, 'What's the difference?'

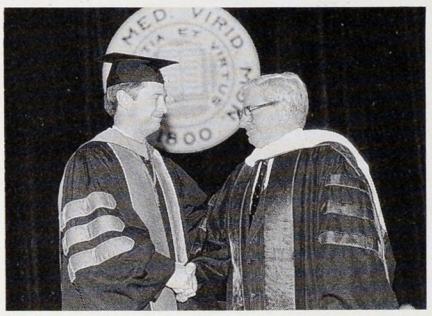
"Well, I have some very sad news about the future. I think I know who is going to replace the Soviet Union as someone to blame for everything that goes wrong.

"I think it might be you. Your generation is going to be blamed for being too content and complacent, for being too selfish and myopic, for not being civic-minded enough, for not being inventive enough, not intelligent enough, not American enough, not liberal enough, not conservative enough. Whatever.

"You're going to wake up and find out that you're on the cover of *Time* magazine as the Next Great Excuse for What's Wrong with America. You'll be the next great thing to worry about. If you're not careful, George Bush will seize on this as an election issue. And the next thing you know, you'll face a multinational task force of middle-aged reservists, a whole bunch of overweight baby-boomers dressed in chocolate-chip fatigues, and they all look like Schwarzkopf, and they're coming in their Humvees to invade you."

"... We're all going to miss the Soviets. The evil empire. They had a very

Honorary degree recipients, clockwise from top right: Charles Sykes '57, vice president of public policy for CARE; Arthur Gibb, a longtime Vermont state legislator; T. Hedley Reynolds, onetime Middlebury faculty member and recently retired after 22 years as president of Bates College; Suzanne Farrell, former ballet dancer and collaborator with George Balanchine; Charles Scott, former Middlebury chaplain and religion professor; Robert A. Jones '59, economist and benefactor of the College; and Audrey Shenandoah, an elder of the Eel Clan of the Onondaga Nation, and a spokesperson for the Native American view on the environment.



strong impact on the country. And on my life. Back in the '50s, we thought that the Russians were actually going to bomb us. In grade school, they showed us movies of these huge explosions of atom bombs. And we'd have air raid drills, where we'd run down into the basement of the school and duck and cover. And they wondered why we all started smoking at age seven."

"... In the '60s, we had to stop the Soviets in the Vietnam war. I was drafted into the army, but it was a mistake. My draft board wrote later and apologized. They said they thought I was a poor black kid.

"It was very interesting. Nobody with any money or influence had to fight in Vietnam. You know the difference between Pat Buchanan, Dan Quayle, Bill Clinton and Jane Fonda? Jane Fonda was at least in Vietnam.

"The Vietnam war was an interesting racial experiment. It was when white people sent black people to fight yellow people to protect the country they stole from red people."

"... I was in the Soviet Union last year. And I can report that it is the antidote for the feeling that there's something wrong with the United States. But the Russians are going to come out of this okay. They're going to develop their own auto industry and their own fast food industry and their own movie industry. And let's face it, that's civilization. In fact, they've got a new national symbol — the hammer and popsicle.

"But that doesn't solve your problem. Which as I mentioned is that your generation might very well be blamed for all the things that we used to blame the Soviets for. ... So right now you've got to plan to head this off. You need good public relations. Each one of you needs a flack. You need someone to call up the talk shows and get you on so you can talk about what a great person you are. ... That's how public relations works. It's like this. You go on TV and you talk about how you're working in the public schools, for no pay, helping poor kids. One million people see you. The next day, 10,000 people read in the paper that you were lying through your teeth. As a result, you're 990,000 people ahead.

"You keep doing this and pretty soon you're the education president.

"That's why George Bush waited so long before he finally gave his speech after the Los Angeles riots. He wanted to wait until everyone had a TV.

"The problem is, where are you going to get a public relations agent on short notice? I've solved this problem for you. Turn to the person next to you. Right? If each of you hires the person sitting next to you as your public relations agent, your problems are solved. Not only that, but you've got 100 percent employment."

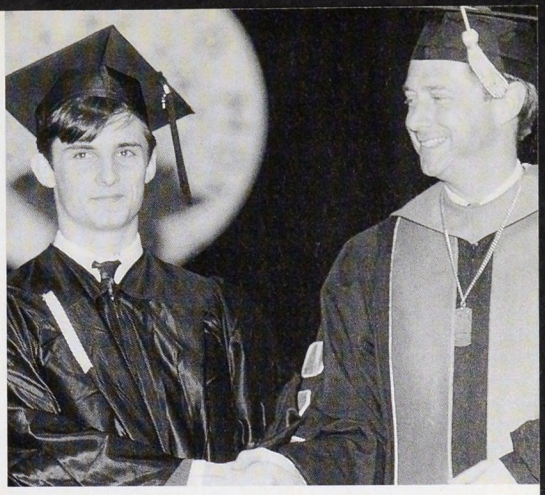
"... But my one piece of advice is, keep your sense of humor. Take the essentially comedic view of life. Life is much too serious to take seriously. Remember Woody Allen's great joke about life. He said life is like the two little old ladies sitting in a restaurant. And one says, 'The food here is terrible.' And the other one says, 'Yes, and such small portions.'

"Life is, after all, essentially a joke.

"If you don't think so, look at the hats you're wearing.

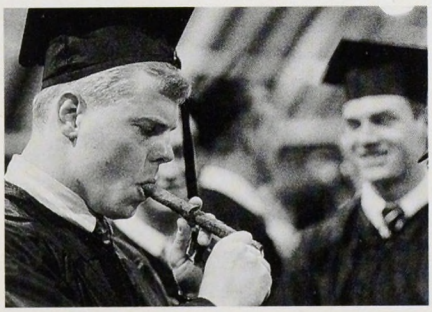
"And it helps if you understand the joke: You never know what the really important things are until after they're over."

Danziger closed his speech by saying he was sure he spoke "for everyone when I say, congratulations. We hope you go far, and we hope you come back."



With the president are, top, valedictorian Alan Prohm and, below, salutatorian Jennifer Beck.

Above: Michelle Lund grabs her diploma, with help from Sarah Raunecker. Below, a mortarboard message, and a celebratory stogie.



Following his speech, the 437 degrees were awarded. Some statistics:

• Five graduates lost their mortarboards in the course of receiving their diplomas and accepting congratulatory hugs from faculty members.

• One graduate, Michelle Lund, had to make it to the podium in a wheelchair, because of injuries she'd suffered in an accident a few days before the ceremony. She was wheeled through the line by friend, basketball teammate and fellow grad Sarah Raunecker.

• Two graduates, Women's Studies majors Hillary Miller and Tracey Merrill, were handcuffed together. Miller carried a sign reading, "Hillary Miller / Graduating with honors in / English and Women's Studies." The point of the handcuffs was never made clear; however, it may have had something to do with a rule that seniors who for various reasons haven't completed their degree requirements, but will complete them by the following December, are allowed to take part in commencement — caps and gowns and all — but don't go to the podium to receive diplomas. And Miller was in that category.

• Two College staff members were named honorary members of the class: Bob Peskin, assistant director of alumni affairs, who had worked with the senior class gift committee; and Frank Kelley, director of residential life.

• At least two graduates had accented their mortarboards with taped messages. One said, "I LUV U MOM." Another, "THANKS MOM + DAD."

• One graduate, Joelle Snow, literally bounded up the ramp to receive her degree, and ran down the other side.

• One graduate, Hank McKnelly, had substituted for his mortarboard a black cowboy hat, complete with tassel.

With the degrees awarded, the graduates celebrated with some more hooping and hollering — this time, perfectly reasonable and expected — and then hundreds of mortarboards were scaled toward the roof of Nelson Arena, looking like so many ravens circling above the heads of the Class of '92.

As the crowd made its way out, a cold rain continued to fall. Umbrellas and rain gear were broken out again. But by then, no one seemed to mind.

It all adds up

Strong students and a devoted faculty bring Middlebury's math department a record finish in national competition — and a Green Chicken

Math whizzes: in back, from left, Dave Berry, Shawn Henry, Bob Martin and Don Ballou; second row, Bill Peterson, Ellen Raynor, Priscilla Bremser; front row, Seth Oldham, Angie Zhong, Peter Schumer and Ding Chun.

By Tim Etchells '74
Photos by Erik Borg '67

They call it The Putnam, or sometimes just The Putt. Officially, it's the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. It began more than 50 years ago as a general test of knowledge, pitting Yale students against their counterparts from Harvard. Interestingly enough, Don Ballou, a professor emeritus of mathematics at Middlebury, was one of the students to take part in that first-ever Putnam, as an undergrad at Yale.

But over the years, the Putnam has metamorphosed into a North American rite of passage for the mathematically inclined, annually drawing more than 2,000 competitors from colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada.

This past December, 2,325 students from 383 schools took part in the 1991 Putnam Competition, the 52nd renewal. They were faced with 12 questions and given six hours to answer them; six questions in a three-hour morning session, and another six in the afternoon. The maximum possible score: 120 points, 10 for each of the 12 questions. When the scores came out this spring (it usually takes three or four months to grade all the exams), the top score in the country was 100. The median score for 1991 (meaning that half of the scores were higher, half lower) was 2. Which is not that bad — for the Putnam. There have been years when the median was 1, meaning that 50 percent of the students bageled the thing. And it's worth remembering that students choose to take the test, so that this is a self-selected group, most of whom consider themselves pretty fair in math. The test is that hard.

Four Middlebury students took the test this year, three of whose scores counted in the competition with 290 other teams of students. The scorekeepers rank the teams down to about 200th place, but it has not been unusual for the box indicating Middlebury's team ranking to be blank when the test scores came back. This year, it wasn't. Middlebury's Putnam team fin-

ished 37th in the country.

The result set off a celebration in Middlebury's mathematics and computer science department. One exuberant professor compared it to having Middlebury's football team play in a bowl game on New Year's Day. And it was an upset. Check out the top teams and the individual scorers in the Putnam each year, and you'll see the usual suspects: Harvard, Yale, Stanford, MIT, Cal Tech, Harvey Mudd (an engineering school in California). You don't typically see a lot of high scores from liberal arts colleges.

But it wasn't a typical year for Middlebury. The College's top scorer was Ding Chun, a junior from Nanjing, China, with 48 points, Middlebury's best score ever, good for 133rd place nationally. David Berry, a senior from Paoli, Pa., scored 28 points, for 475th place. And junior Seth Oldham, who lives in Gatlinburg, Tenn., scored 20 points, good for 688th. The fourth student to take the test was Yan Jun Zhong, known on campus as Angie, who is from Shanghai. Her score was 16, a strong showing for a sophomore.

The great result in the Putnam was actually the second victory of the year for the Middlebury math department. Earlier in the fall term, a team made up of the same four students mentioned above, plus a few others, including Shawn Henry, Ellen Raynor, Jeff Hannemann and Rachel Martin, had won the 14th Annual Green Chicken Competition, a sort of warm up for the Putnam exam in which Middlebury squares off against Route 7 rival Williams College. It was Middlebury's second win in three years.

The two events were well-deserved triumphs for the mathematics and computer science students and faculty, who study and work in one of Middlebury's strongest departments — though one that does not, perhaps, spring immediately to mind when you list Middlebury's best.

It's actually not one of the College's larger departments, in terms of majors, but has a comparatively large faculty, because of the number of students who take introductory courses in calculus, and in computer science. This, says Bob Martin, the department chairman, provides a favorable student-faculty ratio, about 2-1, for those who major in math or computer science, or take higher level courses in either discipline.

"We have a steady 15 to 20 majors," says Martin, "with a nice mix of men and women. The department's enrollment has been about 40 percent women for some time, even 20 to 30 years ago. It helps that we have had talented women faculty members," including Priscilla Bremser, a recently-tenured professor who will be the department chairman next year.

Martin and his colleagues have made a point of cultivating a family atmosphere among the faculty and students in the department, helped in part by the space they inhabit in Warner Hall. Most of the faculty members have offices that open off a large central room, dominated by a large conference table. And at least until next fall, the table is itself dominated by the Green Chicken trophy.

The Green Chicken competition was inaugurated 14 years ago by Martin and his friend Peter Andrews, who was then teaching at Williams. Andrews eventually came to Middlebury to teach, though he'll be leaving this year. The trophy itself is a casserole dish in the shape of a chicken, in a color that these days might be called teal. Martin's sister had received it as a wedding gift, and it was so spectacularly ugly that it became a local joke in Ithaca, N.Y., passed from one newly married couple to the next. Eventually, it completed a full circle, back to Martin's sister, who, during a visit to Middlebury when Martin first arrived to teach here, left it in a closet as a house-warming "gift."

Martin didn't want the thing in his house, and so brought the chicken to his office, where it sat when he and Andrews were looking for a trophy for their new math competition. "We knew that this had to be the trophy," Martin says. "Then the issue became, who gets it, the winners or the losers?" Andrews had the chicken mounted on a wooden base, to which is attached a brass plaque that identifies the Green Chicken as "The R.P. Martin Trophy." Says Martin, "I'm still trying to figure out how to get back at him for that."

Middlebury's victory last fall, for the students and faculty coaches Bill Peterson, Peter Schumer and Priscilla Bremser, was the College's fourth in 14 years; Williams has won nine times, and there's been one tie. The home-and-home competition is held the same day as the Middlebury-Williams football game, and the Green Chicken winner is sometimes announced at halftime.

Yan Jun Zhong and the infamous Green Chicken trophy.

(A Green Chicken footnote: Jay Emerson — the son of John Emerson, dean of the College and professor of mathematics, and Amy Emerson, an administrative consultant in the treasurer's office — holds the record, one that might never be broken, for most appearances, career, in the Green Chicken. He's been in the competition seven times — half of the event's 14-year history. Jay took the test for three years while still a student at Middlebury Union High School, and then for four more years as a student at Williams.)

The Green Chicken, while considered a warm-up for the Putnam, is far less difficult, according to those who've taken it.

Says Seth Oldham, "It's a fun version of the Putnam. The Putnam is not fun. It's like a war. It's cruel."

How cruel? Oldham recalls that during his sophomore year, he "basically stared at a blank piece of paper for three hours on one half of the test. I just wasn't able to do anything on that part. It was totally demoralizing."

Dave Berry has taken the test three times, and got his highest score, 28, this year, but feels he should have done better. "There are always one or two questions that anyone can get, if they can see the trick," he says. "But it's always a really tough trick. This year, I didn't get that question, and I was the only one at Middlebury who didn't."

What kind of person can take the test and score 100 or more? "Someone like Ding," Berry says, "but even smarter. To me, Ding is unfathomably smart, and someone who gets 100 or 120 must be as much smarter than Ding as Ding is smarter than me. God must have given them four brains, or something."

Ding, who scored just 10 points on his first Putnam, attributes his high score this year to "taking more math courses," and familiarity with the format. Says Angie Zhong, "It's very hard, but you have to believe you can do it. It's six hours of very stressful work. Only four people took it this year. A lot of others signed up, but I guess they got scared off."

Berry and Ding also had the top scores for Middlebury this year in the Green Chicken, with Ding getting a perfect 60 (10 points for each of six questions). Berry had a 58, "because of a stupid mistake in arithmetic," he says. "Nine minus one is eight, not seven."

In addition to the Green Chicken, the math department offers several preparatory sessions leading up the Putnam for those students who've chosen to take it. "We do some coaching, gather the students and bash away at problems," says Bill Peterson, an assistant professor in the math department who serves as the advisor-proctor for the exam, "but, truth be told, they have to do it themselves."

Peterson says that while the Putnam is incredibly difficult, it's also a no-lose situation for the students. "There's no shame involved," he says. "It can only be a plus, not a minus. If you do very well, grad schools will take notice. If you do poorly, well, then you can talk to your professors, and ask them how they would have done. Then you'll feel better."

The grading is tough, Peterson says, with little partial credit given. "You've got to make essential progress toward a solution to get anything," he says. "Otherwise, they grade you very harshly. If we graded a calculus test like this, there would be a revolt."

He points out, too, that the test lies pretty much outside Middlebury's math curriculum. "You can be a very good math student without ever doing well on this, or even taking it," he says. "The people who write the test are looking for creative problem solvers, a certain kind of student. There's a certain amount of math you need to do really well; you need a familiarity with the undergraduate math curriculum, so seniors and juniors stand a better chance. But there are enough questions that don't require a lot of math to score 30 or 40 points.

"Some solutions are diabolically simple. You look at the answer afterwards and say, 'Oh, man, I should have known that.' But the test is really difficult, and (Ding's) score of 48 is phenomenal, very rare.

"Students look at us a little strangely when we say to them in the fall, 'At the end of the semester, we have a national math exam, on a Saturday. It takes six hours to take, and it's enormously difficult. We think you should do it for fun.'

"Usually 10 or 15 students sign up, and six to eight end up thinking it's a good idea in December, with exams coming up. It's not a happy time to have to do this.

"But I hope that maybe our good showing gets more people interested in taking the test, starting as freshmen. It helps; exposure to these kinds of problems is part of the secret. And you really do begin to have an appreciation for the beauty, the elegance, of some of the answers."

Middlebury's recent successes have everything to do with the strength of the students in the math and computer science department, particularly Ding Chun, Berry, Oldham and Angie Zhong. That those students are here at Middlebury is partially luck, of course, but also evidence of some low-key — and sometimes far-flung — recruiting by the College.

For example, Ding was wooed to Vermont from a high school in Nanjing by John Berninghausen, a professor of Chinese, during a visit to China a few years back. Ding struggled with his English at first ("When someone would say, 'Ding, what's up?' I'd look up in the sky"), but is now one of the top students at Middlebury, a double major in math and economics, who received a prestigious economics fellowship to study for two months this summer at the University of Chicago. Outside of class, he's in the Investment Club (he'll be president next year), and likes to play tennis and golf, read, talk with friends "and postpone doing my homework." He's found the math faculty to be "very devoted. They hope you have the same enthusiasm for working with math that they do, and they've inspired a lot of students."

Dave Berry ended up at Middlebury in part because an older brother, George, had gone here, graduating in '86. Despite the family connection, Dave didn't know much about the school when he applied. "Something that impressed me," he says, "is that someone from the math department called me at home and encouraged me to stop in and talk to a math faculty member when I visited the campus. No other college did that." And he did, in fact, talk with Priscilla Bremser during a campus visit. Berry, who was one of the leaders of the Christian Fellowship at Middlebury, graduated in May covered with honors: summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with highest honors in math, and recipient of the George H. Catlin Fund, which goes to the senior with the highest average over four years of study that included some study in Latin and Greek.

The someone who called Berry to nudge him toward Middlebury was Bob Martin, who says he's been doing that for some years now, using lists of students interested in math that he receives from the admissions office. "We also send letters to all the students who decide to come to Middlebury," he says, "part serious, part silly, describing the math department and its faculty members."

And once they get here, math students receive the kind of attention that is only possible at a relatively small school, in a relatively small department. "They're always willing to help," Berry says of the faculty, "to give something a little extra. There's almost always a student in one of the faculty offices when a professor is in. They always encourage that. There's a sense of family, of intimacy, that you don't see in other departments — though maybe that's just because I know the math department best. But every professor knows the name of every senior major, whether or not they've ever had them in a class. They all know your name, which is really neat."

Seth Oldham didn't know much about Middlebury when he arrived, either, and he's been pleasantly surprised by how good the math department is. "You wouldn't expect it," he says, "but it's hard to imagine finding a better department at a liberal arts college." He, too, mentions

that the doors to the faculty offices are always open, "and if you don't find the professor you're looking for, you can ask one of the others. They all have a really good grip on the material." Oldham, a double major in math and computer science, was on the dean's list his first three semesters and has been a college scholar since then, despite taking five courses the last two springs. "In math," he says, "you don't see many people getting D's and F's, but the professors are tough. It's hard to fail, but you really have to work to get an A. Work like a dog."

The math and computer science department works in several ways to encourage a family feeling, including having departmental lunches each Friday in Proctor, and math and computer science seminars each Tuesday, at which students and faculty members, and sometimes visitors from other schools, present their research. For Oldham, the familiarity with the faculty that this breeds makes good things happen. "You feel comfortable with them," he says. "You aren't intimidated, aren't afraid to ask dumb questions. So you can learn a lot."

Yan Jun "Angie" Zhong was the math department equivalent of a "walk on." She read about Middlebury in *U.S. News and World Report*, contacted the College, and got some information about the school. As a foreign student who, like Ding, hasn't been home since she arrived as a freshman, she especially appreciates the family atmosphere created in the math department. "You work very closely with the professors, and have a lot of personal contact," she says. "They even invite us to dinner at their homes, and we have math picnics, so we get to meet their families. Living so far from my own home, I feel I still have a family life."

Angie also feels that a liberal arts school like Middlebury gives her a chance "to develop as a human being, rather than simply as a math student. If I was at MIT, I probably wouldn't sample so many other fields. Also, it's a quiet place, and close to nature. You can take part in outdoor sports, or just think, and read poetry. It's very different from a hectic city like Shanghai."

It's not lost on anyone that two of those who did well on the test at Middlebury, and many of those near the top nationally, are foreign students. Peterson says he feels foreign students might be stronger "because American society lets people give up on math, lets them decide to stop taking it after the seventh or eighth grade. In France, for example, everyone takes calculus, so there's a bigger pool of accomplished math students. Here, there's a feeling that 'math is for the few.' And I really think this is unique to the United States. In other countries, calculus is seen as something that's a useful tool; it's hard, but it's worth knowing, so it's worth some effort. In this country, we're happy to let everyone else drop off."

Ding Chun would agree with that assessment, saying math studies are a higher priority in China than in the U.S. But he has found much to like in American education, particularly the liberal arts emphasis on, as Bob Martin says, "training students for their last jobs, as well as for their first."

Ding has found that Middlebury, as a liberal arts college, "makes a person. It might not make you the best mathematician, or the best economist. But it makes you a better person. You try things you've never tried before. In real life, you can't be a pure mathematician. And Middlebury College prepares you for that."

See how you'd fare in the Green Chicken

Below are questions from the 52nd Putnam Competition, and from the 14th annual Green Chicken Contest. The Putnam question is the first from the first section of the test, historically one of the easier questions (they get tougher the farther you go in each section). We've included all six Green Chicken questions. You'll find the answers for all on page 71. But be warned: We don't pretend to understand the questions *or* the answers, so if you want to talk about either, check with Bill Peterson in the math department, not with the Magazine office.

The 52nd Putnam Exam, Question A-1

Problem A-1.

A 2×3 rectangle has vertices at (0,0), (2,0), (0,3) and (2,3). It rotates 90° clockwise about the point (2,0). It then rotates 90° clockwise about the point (5,0), then 90° clockwise about the point (7,0), and finally, 90° clockwise about the point (10,0). (The side originally on the x-axis is now back on the x-axis.) Find the area of the region above the x-axis and below the curve traced out by the point whose initial position is (1,1).

The 14th Annual Green Chicken Contest

1. **Jeremy has ten rods, having lengths 1,2,...,10. How many different ways are there to make a triangle by choosing three appropriate rods?**

2. **Show that there are infinitely many solutions in positive integers $x < y < z$ for which**

$$x!\,y! = z!$$

3. **Evaluate** $\displaystyle\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f(x)\,dx$ **where**

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin^3 x}{\sin^3 x + \cos^3 x}$$

Hint: Consider $f(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)$.

4. **Let 1, 3, 5,...,(2n–1) be the first n odd numbers. Show that their product is less than n^n.**

5. **No matter which 1001 distinct positive integers are chosen from {1,2,...,1991}, prove that two must have difference 9.**

6. **What is the largest even integer not expressible as the sum of two odd composite numbers? Prove it.**

Two teams, four titles

Middlebury's men's and women's lacrosse teams double up, again, in the ECAC tournaments

Kimmy Griffith, center, a co-captain and the team's leading scorer; at right is freshman midfielder Anna Kehler.

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For Missy Hopkinson, coach of the Middlebury women's lacrosse team, the realization that this year's team might be something special came early on. The Panthers, a young team, were on their spring trip in Florida, and had already played William Smith College, the top-ranked team in the country at the time in Division III, losing 9-4. Now they faced their archrival, Trinity, a perennial power in the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

Middlebury won the game, 11-10, the latest in a series of close Middlebury-Trinity games. "And right then I knew that we had it, ECAC-wise," Hopkinson recalls.

She was right, as it turned out. The Panthers came home from the trip and went on a 9-0 streak, not losing until their last regular season game, against Williams. They then beat Tufts and Trinity in the ECAC tournament for their second straight title.

For Erin Quinn '86, in his first year as head coach of men's lacrosse, the realization that his team had what it would take to be champions came a little later. The team rolled through its early season games, rarely challenged, and then took on Bowdoin up in Brunswick, Maine. Middlebury got ahead early, but Bowdoin came back to go ahead by four goals, 12-8, after three quarters. Then all Middlebury did was throw a 5-0 shutout at the Polar Bears in the fourth quarter to win the game, 13-12.

Peter Steinle, above, one of the leading scorers on the men's team. Below, Laurie Odden, a junior, who had six goals and five assists this season.

In the very next game, the Panthers faced the UVM Catamounts, a Division I team. Middlebury lost the game, by one goal, despite being ahead by three with just a few minutes left. It could have been a crushing loss; the rivalry with Vermont is a strong one, in part because a former Middlebury All-American, Jeff Thomsen '83, is the UVM coach (his cousin, Dan Thomsen, was the senior captain of this year's Middlebury team).

But rather than being devastated, the Middlebury team was able to file away an important piece of information. "Taken together," Quinn says, "the Bowdoin and Vermont games showed us just how good we could be when we worked hard, and reminded us how bad we could be when we weren't disciplined, weren't focused enough.

"Actually, it could have been a negative if we'd won the Vermont game, because we had some sloppy play, stuff we'd gotten away with earlier in the season. It showed us that we couldn't do it on emotion alone. We had to put it all together to win against a good team."

Middlebury took that to heart, and in the ECAC tournament they dominated Trinity 15-8 (at halftime, it was 10-1, Middlebury) and won a classic final against Bowdoin, 17-16 in overtime.

So for the second straight year, Middlebury had done what no other school had done even once: won both men's and women's ECAC titles in the same sport in the same year.

For the men, it couldn't have been more dramatic. The overtime win against Bowdoin was certainly one of the best lacrosse games ever played — anywhere, at any level.

The Panthers entered the tournament as the top seed, with a 10-1 record. After dispatching Trinity, they had to take on Bowdoin, which had beaten Williams 18-13 in the other semifinal up in Brunswick.

In the title game, Quinn says, "it wasn't too comfortable early on, because we weren't playing well, and Bowdoin was." With just a few seconds to go in the first half, the Panthers trailed 9-5, when Gerry Pearce came up with an incredible, tumbling goal to cut the margin to three.

Quinn's comfort level increased as the second half opened, and Middlebury went on a 9-1 run to take a four-goal lead, 14-10. But Bowdoin, which won nearly all of the faceoffs in the game, continued to put pressure on Middlebury's defense and standout goalie Hieu Nguyen. The Polar Bears reeled off four straight to tie the game at 14.

That set up an incredible last few minutes, when, Quinn says, "it became such a good game that I was just having fun watching. The players, on both teams, really took over." The fun started with Middlebury attackman David Low scoring two unanswered goals (his sixth and seventh of the game) to put the Panthers up 16-14, with just 1:50 left. But, improbably, Bowdoin stormed back, scoring twice, with the tying goal coming with just 23 seconds left.

Early in the sudden-death overtime, midfielder Ian McCray broke up a Bowdoin play, giving Peter Steinle, one of the team's top scorers for the year, a chance to pick up a loose ball. McCray streaked to the side of the goal, as Steinle charged in with the ball. When the Bowdoin defense came out to pick him up, Steinle passed to McCray, who, in one motion, caught the ball and fired a shot from a tough angle that rattled off the crossbar and into the net. Hieu Nguyen, watching from the far end of the field, said after the game that if the ball had missed the goal, "it would have ended up out on Route 30."

McCray quickly found himself at the bottom of a huge pile of Panthers, to sustained cheers from the 2,000 or so fans who filled the seats and lined the grassy banks of the stadium. Middlebury ended the season at 12-1, for a two-season record of 22-3.

The women's ECAC championship game, a week earlier on May 3, was also a cliffhanger, in the tradition of Middlebury-Trinity games. The Middlebury women were also the top seed, and beat Tufts 10-6 in the semis, with five goals from Kimmy Griffith and 14 saves from goalie Lissa Gipson.

In the title game the next day, Middlebury led 4-0 in the first half ("It was 16 minutes into the half before they scored," Hopkinson recalls), but Trinity closed to 4-3 at halftime. The Panthers opened their lead to 6-3 midway through the second half, but Trinity came back again, scoring four straight to take a 7-6 lead with just under nine minutes left. "At that point, I wondered why I wasn't more panicked," Hopkinson says. "But I knew we could make the plays if we we could get in the right situations. We had to get the ball to Kimmy (who'd had 57 goals for the season, a team record). And then Kate (Chapman, the ECAC tournament's MVP) tied it, and Kimmy got the go-ahead goal."

Chapman's third goal of the final tied the game with 3:33 left, setting up Griffith's heroics in the final two minutes. She dodged several players, held onto the ball when there seemed to be no way she could, and fired a shot past the goalie. The Middlebury defense was then able to take the ball away from Trinity and sophomore Kirsten Morbeck ran the ball down the field, killing the clock. Middlebury had its second straight ECAC championship, and a 12-2 record. Over the past two years, the team is 25-4.

Not surprisingly, there were more than a few post-season honors for the men's and women's teams. For the women, co-captains Kimmy Griffith and Amy Lilly, along with Kirsten Morbeck and Kate Chapman, were named to the Brine All-Region team for New England Division III; Kimmy Griffith was second-team All-American, and Amy Lilly was on the All-American third team.

For the men, midfielder John Atherton, defenseman John Owsley and goalie Hieu Nguyen were all honorable mention All-America, and Hieu and Owsley were selected to play in the Division III North-South game, an all-star contest. Atherton and Owsley were also all-conference players for the league in which Middlebury plays, the Snively League. And Owsley, Hieu and Peter Steinle played in the New England senior all-star game, with players from both Division I and Division III. They were on the West team coached by Quinn, which won the game, 18-6. Hieu made 14 saves in one half, Steinle scored three goals, and Owsley played great defense.

Owsley, a magna cum laude graduate in political science, won the Hazeltine-Klavenow Cup, an honor bestowed on scholar-athletes at Middlebury. And he was named a Scholar All-American in lacrosse, one of only eight students picked from all of the Division I and III lacrosse teams in the country. The award is for athletic and academic excellence, and community service. Owsley, in addition to serving in student government at Middlebury, was one of the organizers of a party held at Mr. Ups to raise money for Addison County Women in Crisis.

All of the honors, and the ECAC championship, made this a dream first year for Quinn, who took over this season from Jim Grube, perhaps Middlebury's most successful coach ever and one who was tremendously popular with the players.

Quinn says that the transition was never really a problem. "It would have been harder if I'd come in from outside," he says, "because I would have had something to prove. But this way, there weren't really that many question marks. Jim and I had gotten along real well, and I was already accepted by the players.

"We carried over a lot of things from last season, and made a few changes, things we might have changed anyway if Jim and I were still coaching together. It made for an easy transition for the players. For me, I had to make a few more pregame speeches. But we're not really a rah-rah team that waits for the coach's speech before a game to get ready. Particularly this year, with the 13 seniors we had. For us, it's practice and preparation."

Quinn says the players also quickly embraced his assistants — Mickey Heinecken, Middlebury's head football coach, who was getting back into lacrosse after a number of years out of the game; and graduate assistants Jerry Ward and Dave Donahue, both '91, and both players on last year's championship team. "The players responded well to Mickey," Quinn said. "He took over the defense, which I'd coached last year, and I think we were really improved there."

Missy Hopkinson admits that she started this season apprehensive about how her team would respond. She'd lost All-American Karen Griffith to graduation, and knew she would be tough to replace. "She's an incredible player," Hopkinson says, "and she set the tone on the field. I thought we would probably be able to replace the scoring, but I worried about losing that leadership."

She didn't have to worry long. Even before the start of official practices on February 15, Kimmy Griffith (the third Griffith sister to play at Middlebury, following Marcie and Karen), and her co-captain Amy Lilly were setting a tone of their own, leading the players in fund-raising for the spring trip, and then running "captains' practices" for the team. In the winter practices, Lilly had to take much of the burden, because her co-captain was playing women's ice hockey, and, Hopkinson says, "Amy did a great job with that."

With a young team — the Panthers had just two seniors this season — Hopkinson had to hope that some of her less experienced players would pick things up quickly, and she wasn't disappointed. She has a collection of multi-talented athletes, many of whom play two or even three varsity sports. Kirsten Morbeck, who also plays soccer, is from Washington state, and hardly knew the rules of lacrosse when she arrived at Middlebury two years ago. But she's "a pure talent," Hopkinson says, and has done a great job at a tough position, midfield attack. Hopkinson

From Vietnam to Middlebury, with a stop at West Point: A goalie's story

It's tough to imagine a longer road to Middlebury's lacrosse team than the one taken by Hieu Nguyen, the senior All-American goalie.

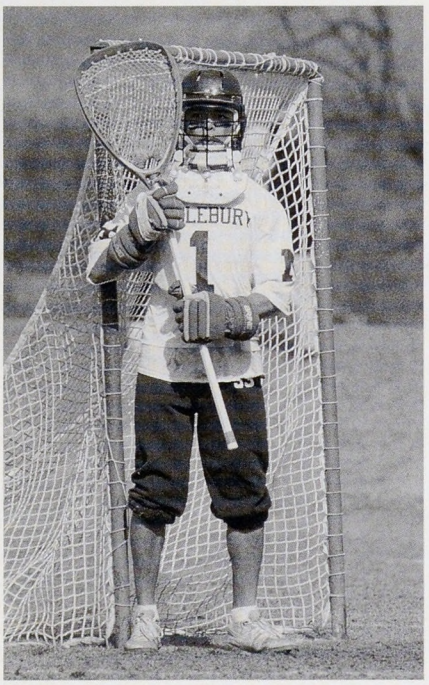
Until the age of six, Hieu lived in Dalat in South Vietnam, site of that country's military academy. He left Vietnam two days before Saigon fell to the North Vietnamese. He can remember packing up his home, leaving for Saigon, and waiting anxiously for a plane out of the country. "We'd have to get up early and drive to the airport and wait for openings," he says. "We had to do it several times. I can remember taking off in a C-130 transport. There was lots of noise. I'm not sure if there was shooting going on, but it was pretty hectic."

He and his mother came to the States, settling eventually in Glastonbury, Conn. Hieu attended Loomis-Chaffee, a prep school in Windsor, Conn., and it was there that he picked up lacrosse, as a freshman. "The J.V. team needed a goalie, so I stepped in. I was a little hesitant at first. For a goalie, the biggest factor is not being afraid of the ball. So the coach stood me up and fired tennis balls at me as hard as he could. I got over the fear pretty quickly."

Hieu had come from a military family, so when it came time to select a college, he chose West Point. He didn't really look at any other schools, he says, and was accepted early, while still a junior in high school. But after one semester at West Point, he knew he'd made a mistake. "I appreciated the experience," he says, "but in terms of my interests and background, I discovered it just wasn't for me."

He'd heard about Middlebury and met then-coach Jim Grube while playing in a summer lacrosse league on Cape Cod. So he headed for Vermont. Where, he says, he's had a great experience. "For minorities, they come here and find a very homogeneous place; there aren't many different kinds of students. And Middlebury needs to work on getting more minority students; that's really important. It gives everyone a different perspective.

"But I've felt very at ease. I think athletics helped, with the friendships you make. I played soccer my first two years, and lacrosse all four. And I was able to fit in. It probably helped that I came from a place like Loomis-Chaffee, where the makeup of the student body was similar."



Hieu Nguyen knows that it can be lonely in the crease ...

... but not, typically, for very long.

Among those friends was Matt Slautterback, who was the backup goalie to Hieu last season. Slautterback was killed in a skateboard accident last spring, just before the ECAC tournament. Ask Hieu what Middlebury lacrosse means to him, and "Matt" is the first name you hear. (The second is Peter Kohn, the team's much loved manager.)

"That was a very tough experience for everyone on the team," Hieu says. "It was so unexpected. It made me realize how easily you can lose someone you love. That's definitely made this team unique. Last year, we weren't sure we could do it (play in the tournament after Matt's death). A lot of credit for that goes to the Slautterbacks." Matt's father, Fred, actually sat on the bench during the two tournament wins last year. This spring, the Slautterbacks returned to Middlebury to see Matt's number, 5, retired in a ceremony following a home game with Tufts.

Even this year, Hieu said, "Matt was very much on everyone's minds, as the time of year came around again. We won't ever forget him, or what happened to him, or the kind of person he was."

After graduation, Hieu headed to Vail, Colo., where his plans were to work in construction and play lacrosse, since Vail will be the site of a big tournament this summer. Next year, he'll be back in Middlebury, working as a residence hall advisor. And after that? "I'm not sure, but I still have a lot of ties to Vietnam, and I hope to go back, to visit, maybe to stay. I hope things will open up there in the next few years. It's one of the poorest countries in the world, and I'd like to see what I can do to help."

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called on Nicole Kassissieh, a freshman, to pick up the offense when the opposing team paid too much attention to Griffith. And Kassissieh responded with 45 points on 38 goals and seven assists, second only to Griffith's 66 (57 and 9).

Goalie Lissa Gipson is only a sophomore, and has already won two ECAC lacrosse championships. "Boy, she's just wonderful," says Hopkinson. "She just rolls with the punches, and doesn't let anything affect her."

Another freshman, Sarah Martin, played three sports this year, field hockey, basketball and lacrosse, and won ECAC titles in the last two. Because of the basketball team's success, she couldn't join the lacrosse team until the day they headed to Wellesley for a scrimmage. "At dinner, the night before we played," Hopkinson recalls, I diagrammed the defense and offense for her on a napkin. And the next day I got exactly what I'd diagrammed. Fortunately, she's a very smart young lady. Which is one of the reasons I like coaching at Middlebury."

Two other freshmen who excelled were Marnie Virdon (who also plays squash), who played well at defense, and Kelly Hefner, a freshman who also plays ice hockey and soccer, who played a strong midfield.

Hopkinson, who also coaches the Panther field hockey team, joined the Middlebury coaching staff in 1977, and has coached lacrosse for 13 of those 15 years (she took two years off, 1984-85, after her son Robert was born). She's seen plenty of changes in that time. "When I arrived, it was just me, Mary Lick and Joan Greiner. We were the only women coaches. We had one teeny locker room in McCullough, and we played our games behind Battell. We hardly ever went to the trainers' room, except in dire emergency. And we had one van, into which we often crammed 18 or 19 people when we had an away game."

But today, she feels, "We really have come far. Seven or eight years ago, I would have said we still had a long way to go. The men seemed to be way ahead, and it seemed we wouldn't ever catch up. But I don't feel that anymore. I think men and women athletes are treated pretty much the same at Middlebury. Attitudes have changed, very nicely." The players can feel it, she says: "These days, you hear much less 'Why do the guys get this? Why do they get that?'

"Part of the reason is that kids are coming here from good high school programs in these sports, and they've pushed us to improve. And we get good support from the administration. One example of that came this spring, when we were supposed to play a home game with Springfield. The new stadium was the field in the best condition, but it was under six inches of snow. So we had to shovel it off. And Tom Lawson (Middlebury's director of athletics) was out there shoveling, right along with me and the grounds crew."

Quinn, of course, inherited a lacrosse tradition at Middlebury that goes back several decades, and a program that has won more ECAC titles than any other. "I don't have to convince people that Middlebury is a good place to play lacrosse," he says. "There are some negatives, of course. The weather, and no national playoffs. But we're one of the top Division III programs in New England, with Bowdoin and Williams, and the lacrosse world is still small enough that your reputation means a lot.

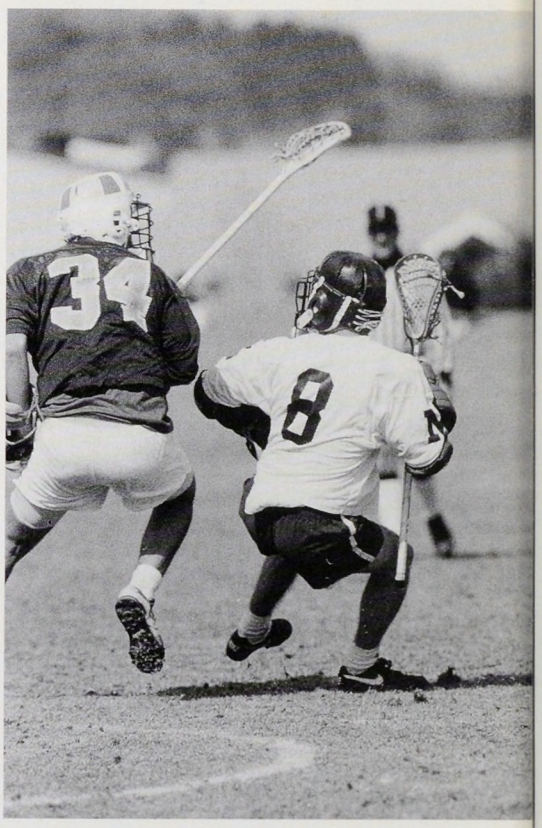
"You don't have to reach very far to find reasons to come here. We've been ECAC champions many times in the past 20 years. We've been among the top-ranked teams, eighth last year, 12th this year. And how many other schools in the top 15 are so strong academically? Sure, you can't go to the NCAA's, and you can't play outside in February — sometimes not even in March — but you can play for a top team, and get a great education."

There are consolations, too, for the weather problems, in the form of the annual spring trip. Sometimes the trip is only to southern New England, as it was this year, but next year's team is heading to Southern California. And every four years, the team takes a trip to England.

"I don't have to build anything up here," Quinn says, "but rather build on top of the strong program that was established by Bob Pfieffer, Dennis Donahue and Jim Grube."

Above: Laurie Healey , in white, was one of the eight freshmen who contributed in big ways to Middlebury's ECAC championship season.

Below: Gerry Pearce, number 8, scored an important goal in the ECAC final, and was one of 13 seniors on the men's team.



We'd say he's off to a pretty good start, and that Middlebury's twin lacrosse traditions seem to be in good hands. Two years, four championships. It's hard to improve on tradition like that.

One of Hollywood's harshest critics has nonetheless become a major 'player'

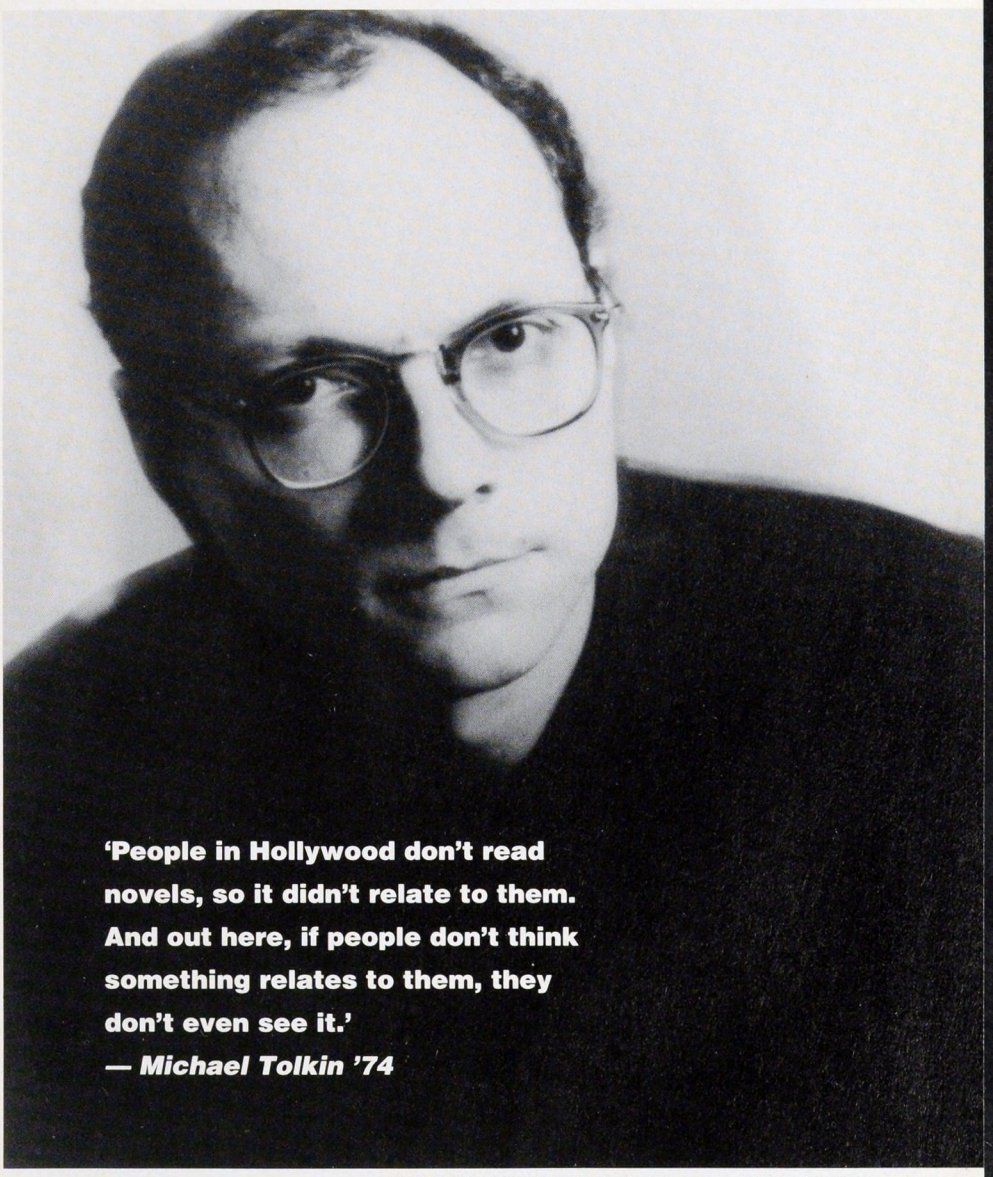
By Dwight Garner '89

When Michael Tolkin's first book, a dark and satirical novel about Hollywood entitled *The Player*, was published in 1988, it quickly picked up a string of favorable notices. *The Philadelphia Enquirer* compared it to F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Last Tycoon* and Nathanael West's *The Day of the Locust*. Reviewers in *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Washington Post* and *Rolling Stone* chimed in with sweet somethings.

The kind words, however, didn't translate into big sales. So Tolkin's publisher, Atlantic Monthly Press, decided to try something a tad more dramatic. It tossed up a billboard for *The Player* on Sunset Boulevard, directly across the street from the trendy film industry hangout La Dome.

"This was the kind of thing you'd normally see advertising a rock star's new album," Tolkin says, "not a first novel. It was pretty extraordinary." What was just as extraordinary, Tolkin says, was that although the billboard was up for weeks, staring Hollywood's biggest players right in the face, it provoked zero interest. "People in Hollywood don't read novels, so it didn't relate to them," Tolkin says. "And out here, if people don't think something relates to them, they don't even see it."

These days, Tolkin is invisible no more. Robert Altman's shrewd, star-studded film version of *The Player*, about a studio executive who murders a troublesome writer, became not only a huge hit among Hollywood insiders who appreciated its in-jokes and poisoned darts, but also a national success. And suddenly, Michael Tolkin, the movie's screenwriter and co-producer, has emerged as a major player in his own right, profiled in *The New York Times*, analyzed in various film journals; and he's turned down offers to appear on *Late Night With David Letterman* and *Geraldo*. Although he's growing a little weary of the constant spotlight, the new respect afforded him is giving Tolkin more freedom to write, direct or produce the projects he feels most passionately about. "Attention," he admits, "has its uses."



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— Michael Tolkin '74

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It's surprising and refreshing, if a little puzzling, to see Hollywood so enamored of one of its most eloquent critics. Tolkin has a clear and abiding love of movies, but he bemoans Hollywood's insistence on shallow thinking and easy stereotypes. In his novel *The Player*, he suggests some of the reasons that movies so consistently let us down. In this passage, Tolkin talks about Griffin Mill, the callow studio executive to whom writers must "pitch" their ideas:

"(T)hey had to bring him a story with crises so powerful that the future could make its images sacred. Kisses while a city

burns. Desperate submariners gathered around the periscope. The cavalry leaving the fort. The guilty confronted. The spaceship appearing. Lovers reconciled. Funny men (nervous, innocent) hanging from high places. Monsters. Women screaming. Comedy of inappropriate behavior. Airmen serenading the captain's girl. There were the emblems of the movies' spirit of love, blood and speed.

Love, blood and speed are fine, Tolkin says. What's missing is context and feeling. "There aren't any great movies being made anymore," he says. "Interesting movies, maybe, but not great ones. World cinema used to be as important, as revelatory, as rock and roll. It was the best thing going. Between 1945 and 1965, it was the most important art of the century."

Tolkin's critique of Hollywood is felt implicitly in *The Rapture*, the small, relentlessly non-commercial and deeply troubling 1991 film about sexual and religious obsession, which he directed from his own screenplay. The film barely broke even at the box office, but *The Rapture* (now out in video), which stars Mimi Rogers, picked up glowing reviews and was well received at film festivals in America and abroad.

"Hollywood's idea of a religious picture is *The Greatest Story Ever Told* or *Samson and Delilah*," Tolkin says. "It can't really deal with serious issues. I wanted to dig a little deeper."

Tolkin, 42, says he has been enamored with writing and ideas — if not with religion — for as long as he can remember. He was something of a mini-prodigy. "I started my first novel when I was eight," he says. "It was a cowboy book. So I wrote a few pages, got to the gunfire part, and then just wrote, 'Ditto, ditto, ditto, ditto, ditto ..."

Making the leap from writing to the visual media was no stretch. Tolkin grew up in Beverly Hills in a show business family. His father, Mel Tolkin, wrote for classic television programs such as *All in the Family* and *Your Show of Shows*, and his mother, Edith Tolkin, worked for Paramount as senior vice president of legal affairs.

Tolkin came East for college and — in somewhat roundabout fashion — eventually arrived at Middlebury, where he was an American Studies major, studying briefly with the writer Barry Hannah, then a member of the English department faculty. Before Middlebury, in the early '70s, Tolkin was enrolled at Bard College, where he met his wife-to-be, Wendy Mogel. "Wendy decided to transfer to Middlebury, and I followed," Tolkin says. "It was a package deal. Wendy was a great student, and they took her cheerfully. Me they took a risk on." Both ended up graduating from Middlebury in 1974; they're still married. Wendy is a psychologist, and they have two daughters, Emma, who is just a year old, and Suzanne, who is five.

Tolkin, whose directorial debut film, *The Rapture,* had won praise from the critics, debated directing the film version of *The Player* himself, but was pleased when Robert Altman accepted his offer to do the job. 'We considered a lot of directors,' Tolkin says, 'but with Altman we knew that, even if the film were a failure, it would be an honest, interesting failure.'

At Bard, Tolkin says, he wasn't much of a student. "I majored in joints," he says. "At Middlebury, I did quite a bit better, and made the dean's list. There must have been fewer joints."

After college, Tolkin lit out for New York City, where he "found out that life wasn't easy, was quite unsuccessful, and went into a classic funk. I walked around in a daze." The daze snapped one day when he bumped into an old friend from Bard who dragged him to the race track. "After I came down from the gambling high," Tolkin says, "I wrote up a story about it for *The Village Voice*, and they printed it." For the next several years, he sold journalism to *The Voice* and various other New York papers.

He returned to California in 1978 and began writing screenplays with his brother, Stephen. (The brothers appear in a cameo in *The Player*, as nerdy screenwriters pitching an idea.) Tolkin soon found himself working as story editor on the set of *Delta House*, a short-lived sitcom based on the hit movie *Animal House*. "My work sure helped destroy that show," he says, laughing.

Six frustrating years later, one of his screenplays was finally produced. The film, titled *Gleaming the Cube*, was a skateboard movie featuring the then-unknown actor Christian Slater, today one of Hollywood's young stars. "It was a very commercial movie, but I wanted to see if I could write a commercial movie," Tolkin says. "I still have a warm spot for that movie, for two reasons. For one, every teenager in the country has seen that movie. For another, the money I made from it allowed me to write *The Player*."

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And while Tolkin is pleased with the film, he might have done a few things differently. "If I'd directed it, I would have made it a sadder film," he says. "My version might have been more suspenseful. But I couldn't give it that manic intensity that Altman brought to it. Altman made some wonderful connections about what the characters thought of each other, things I hadn't considered. Plus, I couldn't have gotten all those stars, which gave the film that documentary feel."

These days, Tolkin feels like he is finally winding down a bit from the months of publicity surrounding *The Rapture* (this past winter, he was on campus to show the film and discuss it with students and faculty) and *The Player*. But he's no less busy. He's preparing to direct *The New Age*, a film about contemporary Los Angeles, from his own screenplay. And he's completing his second novel, *Among the Dead*, which is about a man whose family dies in a plane crash.

"The book may prove to be quite controversial," he says, "it may offend people. It basically says that it is no longer possible to have a real emotion in our society. Particularly real grief."

Amid the flurry of projects and publicity, however, there are no signs that Tolkin is losing his perspective, or his modesty.

"You know," he said toward the end of our interview, "being a hit at Cannes was one of the great pleasures and honors in my life. But I kept thinking, 'If I'm walking up the same steps that (Italian director Michelangelo) Antonioni walked up, then those steps have changed.'

"I just hope real filmmaking isn't a lost art."

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Another night on Turtle Beach

By Phil Busse '92
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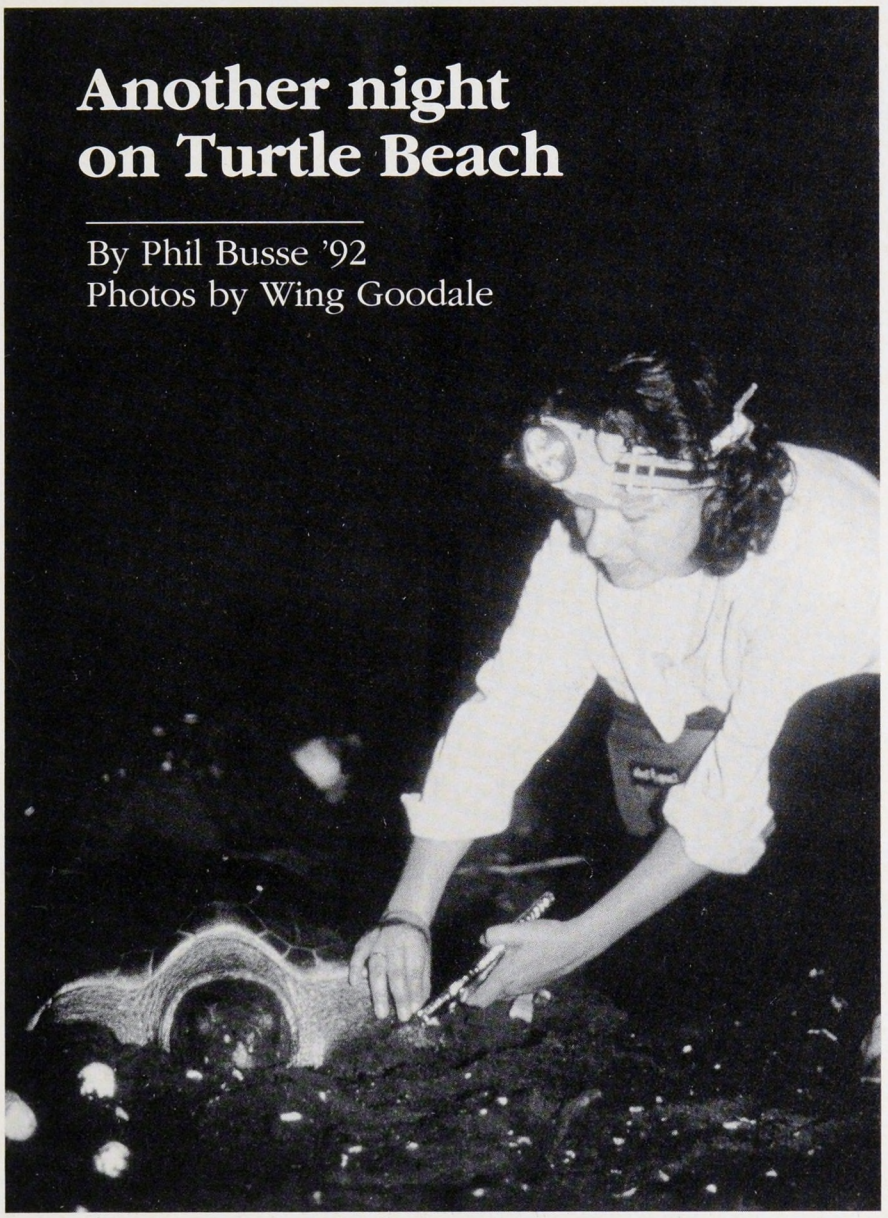


On the Pacific shore of Costa Rica, a small beach community has formed a unique relationship of mutual benefit with the female sea turtles that come to nest there. This is a story about one night, August 10, 1991, on the sands of La Playa de Ostional — Turtle Beach.

Researcher Anny Chaves tags a turtle during a long night on the beach at Playa de Ostional in Costa Rica.

Olive Ridley. Even the origin of the name is a mystery. Olive, one can guess, comes from the color of the turtle's shell. But Ridley? Some claim the turtle's enigmatic nature earned it the nickname "riddler"; fables of its elusive behavior and supernatural stamina remain unfounded, but the Olive Ridley sea turtles continue to baffle and intrigue those who encounter them.

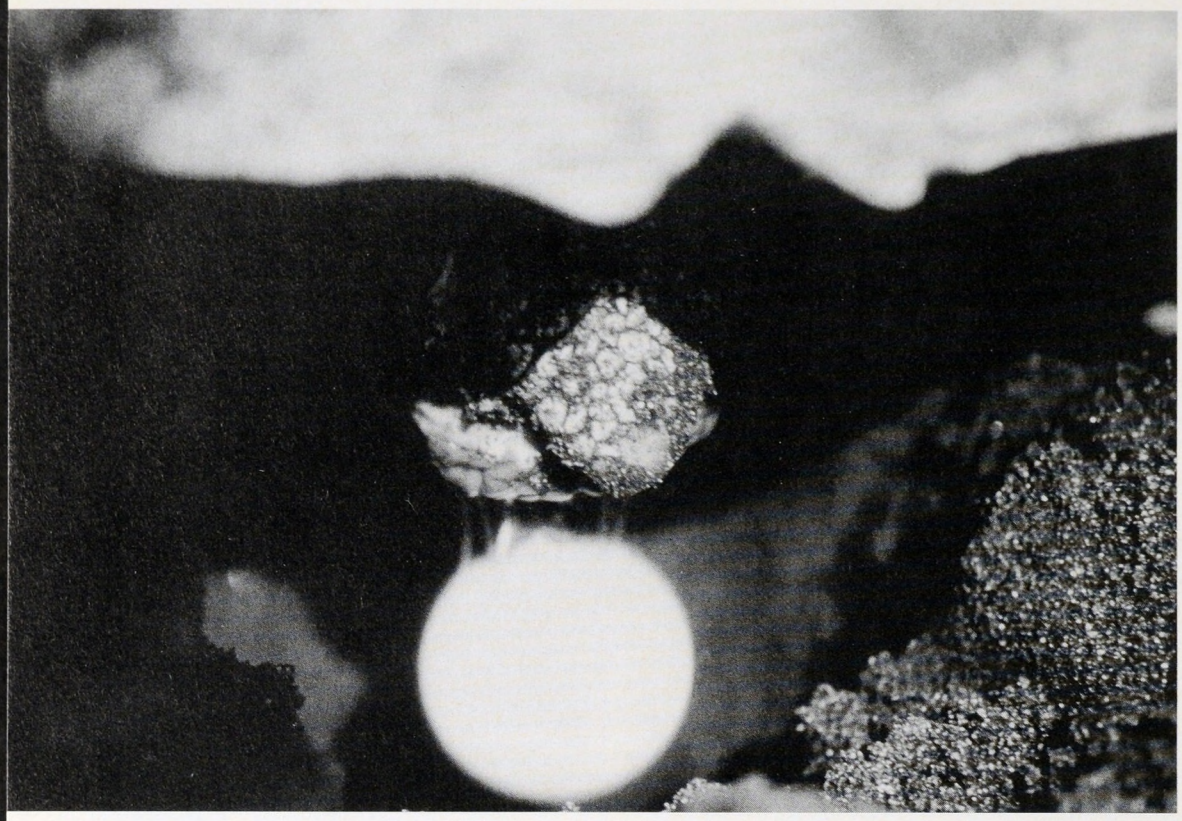
Tonight, thousands of female Olive Ridleys (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) will crawl onto the sands of La Playa de Ostional — a small nature preserve on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica — in a spectacular and mysterious display of massive, synchronized nesting known as an *arribada*, or fast arrival. This is a survival technique; that much *is* known. Hatchlings — the precocious offspring — must run a gauntlet of ghost crabs, vultures and sharks, among other predators. When thousands of hatchlings emerge almost simultaneously, predators can't eat them all.

Olive Ridleys nest both solitarily and in large congregations; between June and November, almost twice a month for three to five nights each time, the turtles come in *arribadas* to Ostional. Their visits are not coordinated with any known rhythms in nature — not with tide, current or phases of the moon. But tonight and for the next several nights, up to 100,000 female turtles will arrive to lay their eggs.

Ostional is one of only four major *arribada* beaches in the world — two of which are in Costa Rica. Only about a kilometer long, Ostional curves gradually from the town toward the equator. Ridleys swim in the tropic regions of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans, laying their eggs on adjacent beaches. La Playa de Nancite, about 60 miles north in the Santa Rosa National Park, is Costa Rica's second *arribada* beach. What makes Ostional unique is that it is the only beach in the world at which the harvest of sea turtle eggs is legal.

Already, in the enveloping darkness of a starless night, dozens of turtles have arrived. As they push awkwardly past the intertidal zone to find places to lay their eggs, the coarse sound of scraping sand and emphysemic breathing fills the air. Five thousand turtles will come tonight, bumping into and crawling over each other. Here, their sheer numbers make it difficult to believe that the Olive Ridley sea turtle is an endangered species.

Research biologists dream of the stuff of which Ostional is made — sun, an isolated nature preserve, a small organized community, and an endangered species in abundance. Jorge Ballestro is the resident herpetologist and a veteran of four *arribada* seasons; later tonight, after the cantina closes, he will come to the beach. Anny Chaves, coordinator of the sea turtle programs at the University of Costa Rica and academic director of an American field study group, is already on the beach, walking and discussing the Asociacion de Desarollo Integral de Ostional — or, as the students know it, the Ostional Project. Anny is as tall as Jorge, about 5'4". She is more relaxed than her students; most of the Americans have already hurried farther up the beach. The students walking with her



An Olive Ridley turtle desposits one of the many eggs she'll lay in the sand of Playa de Ostional.

are eager but slow their stride to match hers; they are concerned about a program that allows the eggs of an endangered species to be harvested. They can't contain their talking to whispers, and their voices spill out into the darkness.

"How can it be legal to harvest the eggs of an endangered species?" one student asks.

"I wonder what the eggs taste like?" another says.

Anny dismisses them, saying patiently, "Talk quietly; you'll scare the turtles."

From hatchlings to old timers, the turtles are constantly in jeopardy. Only one in a hundred survives to full maturity. The clumsiness of the hatchlings makes them vulnerable to predators on land and in the sea. Relentless forces of the ocean often overwhelm them. For 150 million years, sea turtles have survived, battling natural forces stronger than themselves. But with insatiable human predation, their populations have waned. Victims to poachers who steal their eggs for sale, and fishermen who catch the adult turtles in their nets, the Ridleys no longer are assured survival.

On the beach, the turtles work against each other. Deliberate and determined, the efforts of the first turtles on the beach tonight are futile. In any *arribada*, the nests of the first comers are often dug up by the later arrivals, the eggs destroyed. Particularly on a beach as small as Ostional, there's not enough room for all the females to nest. Recognizing that the eggs of many turtles are lost in this way, biologists from the University of Costa Rica decided, in the late 1980's, to organize and control the egg poaching that was already taking place, creating a legal harvest of the Olive Ridley eggs at Ostional.

For the past four years, on the first two mornings following the beginning of each *arribada*, the women of the village have dug up nests, removed the eggs and placed them in large plastic mesh bags. The men, often on horseback, take the eggs back to the village, where they are washed, packaged and sold. The yolks, topped with salsa, are served in cantinas; many locals, or ticos, believe them to be aphrodisiacs. Raw, the eggs taste spicy and feel like mucus slithering down the back of one's throat. The turtle eggs are also sold in markets; they are said to have a remarkable preservation quality, so that cakes made with turtle eggs with stay fresh for weeks.

By controlling the turtle market, the Ostional Project hopes to eliminate nest disruption at other turtle beaches. With thousands of turtles arriving in a short period of time, a large crop of eggs is easy to find and take. The effective organization of egg gathering allows the project to satisfy the domestic demand, and makes possible a market price of four colones for each egg, about a tenth of the black market price. Illegal poachers can't compete.

Excitedly, but patiently, the 14 American students who are on the beach this night stand in groups of three and four, waiting. Their flashlights pop on and off periodically, and fireflies, responding, spark quickly, looking like low-flying shooting stars. The flashes illuminate the dark bulging shells of the Ridleys.

When compared to the other seven species of sea turtles, Olive Ridleys are small, reaching shell lengths of about 70 centimeters, or 27 inches. Leathery plates adorn their faces in a design distinct to their species. In their dark eyes is what appears to be the sad silence of wisdom. Their flippers look like four wings, and are effective for swimming, but less so for beach travel.

Anny walks silently and slowly with her head down, watching for turtles. She is radiant. A red, rolled up bandanna tied around her forehead holds her black hair away from her face. She talks happily to some of the students, who continue to debate the morality of harvesting Olive Ridley eggs. "When we first heard of the concept of 'sustainable development,' we said, 'Oh, our project is like that,' " Anny says. Sales of eggs earn money for the small Ostional community, a human population of less than 300. An elementary school has been built, and a hospital is going up, all thanks to money earned in the turtle harvest. The locals, in return, work to protect the adult females, patrolling the beach for dogs who dig up nests, and maintaining the beach as a clean and safe nesting location. It's a unique relationship — people and turtles, interdependent.

At Nancite, the other Costa Rican *arribada* beach, the nests remain unmolested by humans, unearthed eggs left on the beach. Predators eat some, but most are left to rot. Because of the growth of fungi and bacteria supported by the rot-

ting eggs, the sand on the beach is becoming inhospitable to hatchling development. The success rate of the Nancite eggs has reportedly dropped to below 2 percent, while the rate at Ostional is 7 percent — and improving.

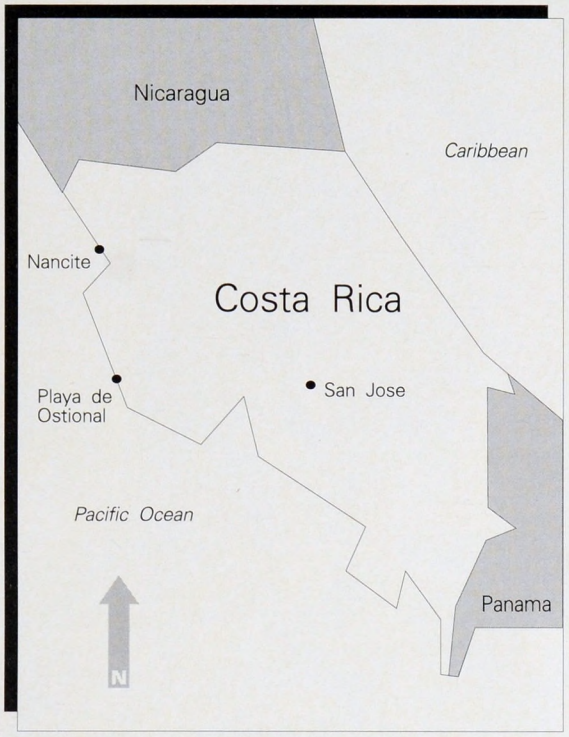
A turtle walks in front of Anny, stops, rests, and seems to sigh. Moving as quickly as it can, the turtle pulls itself, slapping the sand with its left flippers, then its right. Anny and a few students continue down the beach as more turtles come out of the ocean. From somewhere down the beach, out of the darkness, we hear a student call out, over the ripping of the surf, "Olive Ridley, party of 40,000, your beach is waiting." And the slow chaotic scrabble for survival continues.

As far as anyone can determine, the Ridleys began coming to Ostional 37 years ago. In 1968, Douglas Robinson, a professor at the University of Costa Rica, was informed about the *arribadas*. For 500 colones — then about five dollars — he purchased two acres of land next to the beach and built a research station, the first building in town to have a toilet. Robinson and graduate students under his guidance recognized the value of Ostional, and pressured the government to declare the beach a nature preserve. Finally, in 1984, the area was declared a wildlife refuge, placing Ostional off limits to egg harvesting. But all involved soon realized that protecting the land and the turtles was not enough; it was necessary to preserve the human culture, as well, without disrupting the traditional way of life. With hopes of forming a novel partnership with the ecosystem, encouraging humans to be not disrupters, or even mere spectators, but rather functioning parts of nature, the researchers came up with the idea of the egg harvest.

Earlier in the evening, the students had gathered in the cantina. In the subdued candle light, they had gathered around Melvin, a local playing a low-tuned guitar. Melvin has the relaxed face of an infant; he is about the same age as the students — in his early 20's. He sang, and the others sang along:

We are the children of turtle island
A story that's old and that's new.
On turtle island, there's a turtle that's smiling,
carrying the world for you.

In other parts of the world, turtle island may sound like an adolescent fantasy, but here, in Ostional, it is close to reality. It's a glimmer of hope that human life can coexist with that of other species.



Before the project formed, the people of Ostional were working against the turtles, and each other. The nests were constantly plundered, both for use in town, and for sale to private middlemen. Buyers got eggs from Ostional and sold them for huge profits in larger towns and cities. Some locals still wear scars and broken teeth from rowdier times, when outsiders, disguised as park rangers, migrated in for the *arribadas*, beat up the locals, took their bags of eggs and left.

Melvin, Jorge and a few of the more audacious locals sat in a circle with some of the gringos, or American students. The other ticos in the cantina stood further back, silent, in flickering shadows, watching the American women, who were the only females there.

Turtles outlived the dinosaur kings
With millennia stored in their genes.
But like so many species on the brink of extinction,
We're losing the turtle of the sea.
Now the tables are turning, the story's returning
And the fate of the turtles and the fate of the island
Is resting on our backs.

The students sang happily, if flatly. Their responsibility is to tag the flippers of the turtles so that researchers can trace their migratory routes. They're waiting for the flocks of Ridleys.

A subtle wind, warm and salty, has begun to blow, slowly carrying away the clouds. A small crisp sliver of white moon is cradled in the sky. More and more turtles are arriving. The students, in groups of twos and threes, have spread across the beach, lurking in the shadows, trying to intercept as many turtles as they can for their data. The turtles do not move fast, but they already outnumber the students by hundreds.

Jorge has joined Anny walking along the beach. In the white, quiet light of the moon, he looks at the density of the turtles that have already arrived. It looks like the beach has been tiled with turtle shells. "Cino mil tortugas, una estimata loca," he says. Five thousand turtles, a crazy estimate. Before the recent popular interest in the Ostional Project, Jorge counted the Ridleys of the *arribadas* by himself. Anny stops, crouches down next to a turtle and runs her fingers along the length of its shell. Lines of glowing white dance where she's touched. "It sparkles," she exclaims, beaming. Some plankton are phosphorescent; they live on the backs of the turtles, and glow when touched. In fact, the Ridleys are host to a variety of plants and animals that live harmlessly in the creases of their skin.

A group of students is stopped, farther up the beach, watching a turtle dig her nest. Carefully, the turtle curls her left rear flipper, lifts a flipper full of sand — about half a hand full — and flings it aside. For 10 minutes she digs, alternating rear flippers, until she has a cavity about two feet deep, as wide as her flippers. The tide begins to return to the beach, bringing more and more turtles.

With populations being depleted by human encroachments, all eight species of sea turtle are endangered. Although still populous, the Olive Ridley is considered endangered because its survival is so fragile. In 40 years, the population of nesting female Kemp's Ridleys — an evolutionary cousin of the Olive Ridley — has been depleted to no more than a hundredth of its previous size, for a total nesting population of about 400. Kemp's have been harvested for their meat, and their eggs have been stolen from their nests. And their nesting behavior — similar to the

arribadas of the Olives — has made their population vulnerable to rapid depletions.

Not even 150 million years of evolution has prepared the Olive Ridley for the rapid changes and myopic greed of human industries. Both on land and in the sea, the Ridleys are harassed. The eggs are large and resilient, the size of ping-pong balls, and have a tough, spongy covering. Ironically, these qualities — which evolved as survival mechanisms — make the eggs easy to market: Their size makes them substantial enough to be sold; their toughness makes them easy to transport.

In the ocean, shrimpers are the worst human enemies of the adult turtles. Ridleys are carnivores, feeding on a diet that includes plenty of shrimp, and their feeding areas overlap with prime shrimp fishing waters. Catching shrimp for humans is a form of blind hunting: shrimpers drag a huge cone-shaped net, clearing the water behind them of all shrimp, and all other marine animals. Off the coasts of Costa Rica, Mexico and Florida, many of the non-shrimp marine animals found in shrimp nets are dead sea turtles. Turtles breathe air and must come to the surface every hour or so. Ensnared in the nets, the turtles are held under water for hours and drown.

Jorge stands on the beach, the ocean water silently pulling on his feet. He points to the rising and falling Pacific horizon. "One, two, three, four," he counts, with a voice subdued by defeat. He's counting the running lights of far off shrimp boats. Wrinkles of parental concern hide the softness of his face. Thinking aloud he explains, "There are always more boats during the *arribada*. Eight, nine, 10." The moon drops to the western horizon, pulling the tide higher up the beach.

There is a solution to the turtle slaughter caused by shrimp nets. Turtle Excluder Devices (or TED's) are panels of large mesh webbing inserted into the funnel shaped nets. Shrimp can pass through the grids, but other larger animals are deflected out to an escape hatch. Studies suggest that TED's could reduce the incidental catch of turtles by 97 percent. But the issue of TED's has divided shrimpers and environmentalists in the U.S. In the past two years, shrimpers, mostly from states on the Gulf of Mexico, have threatened to blow up sea turtle research centers, and have formed blockades at times, stopping all marine traffic. The fishermen insist that the TED's are an unnecessary expense, and say the devices cause them to lose nearly 20 percent of their shrimp catch, because of the holes in the nets.

Turtle eggs, harvested legally, for sale in a local market.

The Coast Guard has begun to fine captains of shrimp boats who refuse to use TED's. Policing by the governments of Costa Rica and other nations, however, has been limited, and researchers say that more than 20,000 Ridleys continue to drown in shrimp nets each year. More mayhem in the Ridley population is blamed on angry shrimpers, who shoot turtles, or hang them, or cut off their heads. In Texas, during the past two years, an increasing number of deliberately slaughtered turtles has been washing up on beaches. Apparently, the shrimpers feel that if all the turtles are killed, governments will no longer insist on the TED's.

In the slowly brightening dawn, two students stand on the beach at Ostional, exhausted after spending the night tagging more than a hundred turtles. A departing moon balances the rising sun, and a soft, golden-purple color hangs along the horizon. And more turtles are coming. "Go home!" yells one of the students. The other silently agrees, nodding her head, staring blankly at the ocean.

Up the beach, a student yells, "Hatchlings! Hatchlings!" Six confused hatchling turtles, each small enough to fit in the palm of your hand, are making their way to the ocean, leaving tracks that look like a team of particularly unsteady mountain bikers. Swerving, they crawl, frenzied, to the surf. The first wave knocks them all back to the dry beach, and they spin in circles.

Even at this stage in their lives, the Ridleys are a mystery to scientists. Some argue that hatchlings store in their nasal cavities a sample of salt water from their birthing beach, and that years later, when they are ready to lay their eggs, the females can find the right beach by comparing the scent of the water. Others argue that the turtles find their birth beaches by flocking with older turtles. Some of the older locals around Ostional have a different theory: They believe the turtles are drawn to the beach by a giant mother turtle living in the nearby mountains.

With the next wave, the hatchlings are engulfed in the murky surf, which rushes back down the beach. Two of the turtles are pulled far enough down the beach to make it into the dark of the Pacific. They bob up once and the surf, rushing out again, tugs them under and they disappear. After five or six more waves, all of the hatchlings have been carried off into the ocean, to begin a life of mystery.

It's likely that none of them will make it back. But one or two just might return to Ostional on another warm night very much like this one, to continue the cycle of survival.

Phil Busse is a senior English major who spent part of last summer working at La Playa de Ostional in Costa Rica.

Alumni NewsLetter

MCAA seeks changes in election mailings

The Constitution of the Middlebury College Alumni Association requires that a slate listing the alumni nominated by the Alumni Association board for the positions of alumni trustee and MCAA director be mailed to all alumni. Upon receipt of this slate, alumni have an opportunity to make additional nominations. After the slate is finalized, a ballot is mailed to all alumni.

The costs of mailing both the slate and the ballot have increased greatly over the years. In an attempt to reduce these costs, and increase publicity for the elections, we propose that the slate and the ballot be placed in the Magazine.

The following proposed revision to the MCAA Constitution would permit us to use the Winter issue of the Magazine for the slate and the Spring issue for ballot.

We believe this revision makes sense, financially and otherwise. With your concurrence, we will implement this change with the elections that take place in the spring of 1993.

William H. Kieffer III '64,
President, MCAA,
and Hugh Marlow '57,
Director of Alumni Relations

Proposed revisions to the MCAA Constitution
(changes in *italics*)

1. Article VIII, Elections

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a single slate of candidates for Officers and Directors, to include Chairs of Standing Committees, to be elected each year. This slate shall be submitted to the Board of Directors during the *October* meeting and mailed to members of the Association by *December 15* each year. *The slate will be included in the Winter issue of the Magazine.* Additional nominations may also be made by petition, such petitions to be signed by any 200 members of the Association and filed with the Director of Alumni Relations by *January 15*. Such petitions must be accompanied by the written permission of the candidate and all materials needed for ballot presentation.

(Changes the date of the submission to the MCAA Board *from* January *to* the October meeting, the form of the mailing of the slate from a separate piece to the Winter issue of the Magazine, and the dates *from* March 1 *to* December 15 and *from* April 1 *to* January 15.)

Section 2. Ballots will be *included in the Spring issue of the Magazine and will be* mailed to members of the Alumni Association by *April 7*, to be returned to the Alumni Office by *April 30*. A plurality of all votes cast shall constitute election. Each ballot shall include a brief resume of each nominee's qualifications. The results of the election shall be announced during Reunion Weekend by the Chair of the Nominating Committee, who shall have previously notified each candidate of the results.

(Changes the form of the mailing from a separate piece to use of the Spring issue of the Magazine for the ballot; changes the dates *from* April 15 *to* April 7 and *from* May 20 *to* April 30.)

2. Article IX, Alumni Trustees

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall present a single slate of nominees to the alumni ... qualifications for Alumni Trustee. Additional nominations may also be made by petition to be signed by any 200 members and filed with the Director of Alumni Relations by *January 15* ...

(Changes the date *from* April 1 *to* January 15.)

The Class of '92, or at least a good chunk of it

During Senior Week, about 300 members of the Class of '92 made it up to Bread Loaf for the Senior Picnic, when this photo was snapped. The Alumni Office has copies, in color, of this photo of the newest members of the Alumni Association. If you'd like to order one, write to: Class of '92 Photo, the Alumni Office, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753. Please enclose your name and address, and a check (no cash) for $6 to cover printing and postage.

FAMILIES

MARRIAGES

Felicia Moreland and **David Robinson** '67 in September 1991; 278 College St., Burlington, VT 05401.

Lisa Hall and **Putman Clark** '69 in Summer 1991; 75-5707 F Alii Drive, Kailua Kona, HI 96710.

Lucy Bennenuto and **Jerry Gundling** '74 in Summer 1991; 153 Wildwood Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Mary Beriau '91 and **Rodney Bicknell** '77 on May 19, 1991; 405 S. Northlake Blvd., #1056, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

Grace Zanichkowsky '77 and Steve Weber on September 21, 1991; RD 1, Box 66-B, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Susan Votaw '78 and Jonathan West on November 23, 1991; 8-D Soldiers Field Park, Boston, MA 02163.

Elizabeth Warfield '78 and Jeffrey Harding in June 1991; US AID/TIO, Unit 3323, APO AA 34024.

Emily Ford '80 and Mark Embrey on July 27, 1991; 2476 Bolsover, #434, Houston, TX 77005.

Emily Langlie '80 and Steve Miletich on November 30, 1991; 6911 56th N.E., Seattle, WA 98115.

Caren Hoffman '81 and Kevin Smith on September 15, 1991; 5970 Chasewood Pkwy., #202, Minnetonka, MN 55343.

Allyson Owens and **John Buerger** '82 on October 12, 1991; 4615 San Jacinto Drive, Atascadero, CA 93422.

Julie Blandino and **John Dickey** '82 on September 7, 1991; 63 Walpole St., Dover, MA 02030.

Johanna Richardson and **Stephen Lawrence** '82 on August 31, 1991; 53 Pond View Dr., Merrimack, NH 03054.

Maura Hurgin and **Kerry Callahan** '83 on August 24, 1991; 21 Penfield Place, Farmington, CT 06032.

Stephanie Briggs and **Michael Lyons** '83 in June 1991; 406 61st St., Oakland, CA 94609.

Kimberly Pope '83 and William Messenger in September 1991; 107 St. Butolph St., Boston, MA 02115.

Miriam Cuervo '84 and James Bell on October 19, 1991; 2467 Route 10, #46-6A, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

Stephanie Pearsall and **Neal Ringquist** '84 on November 2, 1991; 3940 N. Peardale Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Randee Kallish '85 and Mark A. Saturno on June 9, 1990; 6733 N. Leoti, Chicago, IL 60646.

Karen Kraus '85 and Mike Skalla on April 20, 1991; 133 Mt. Vernon Ave., Melrose, MA 02176.

Marnae Pearlman '85 and Kevin Ergil on July 21, 1990; 458 27th Ave., #2, San Francisco, CA 94121.

Polly Adams (Gay) '86 and Frank Papsadore on October 27, 1990; 1366 DeSoto Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010.

Jennifer Lawrence '86 and Kevin Horan on October 12, 1991; North Shore Hosp. Apts. #5K, Bldg. 6, Community Drive, Manhasset, NY 11030.

Christine Otto '86 and Roy Hirshland on September 7, 1991; 1440 Main St., Concord, MA 01742.

Melanie Kane and **Andrew White** '86 on December 20, 1991; 168 Prospect Place, #5, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

Isabelle Paine '88 and **Strom Thacker** (Midd-Madrid '86-87) on August 10, 1991; 1 Wyrick St., Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

Leslie Virostek '88 and **John Cobb** (Bread Loaf School of English '88) on November 23, 1991; P.O. Box 788, 333 Christian St., Wallingford, CT 06492.

Stephanie Galbreath '89 and **Dean Baumeister** '90 on October 20, 1990; 101 Rantoul St., #105, Beverly, MA 01915.

Liz L'Hommedieu '89 and Matthew King in December '91; 1704 W. Abingdon Drive, #202, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Marjy MacWhorter '89 and Carl Friedrichs in August 1991; 3 Seabrook Drive, Teaticket, MA 02536.

Denise Lynne Paige '89 and David Andrew Leitz on August 12, 1990; 6 Edmund St., Springvale, ME 04083.

Liz Wilcox '89 and Lucian Snow on September 28, 1991; 5 Cadogan Square, Flat 4, London SW1X OHT, U.K.

NEW ARRIVALS

A son, Jeremiah Augustus Arnold, joined Susan and **Peter Allen** '66 on February 14, 1992.

A son, Colin Phillip Bovet, joined **Suzanne Webel** '71 and Ray Bovet on February 28, 1992.

A daughter, Antonia Jasmine, joined Jerry and **Lisa Craig Kuhr** '72 on May 22, 1991.

A son, Christopher Morgan Wohlers, joined Charles and **Margaret Ferry Wohlers** '72 on July 31, 1989.

A daughter, Charlotte Remsen Hickok, joined Katy and **Tom Hickok** '73 on January 1, 1992.

A son, Matthew, joined Ben-Ami and **Carla Hall Friedman** '74 on March 29, 1991.

A son, Luke Matthew, joined Rob and **Heather Allport-Cohoon** '78 on March 11, 1991.

A son, Max Alperin Hyman, joined Betsy Alperin and **John Hyman** '78 on January 21, 1992.

A daughter, Siena, joined Philip and **Gabrielle Keller** '78 on January 3, 1992.

A daughter, Anna Powell, joined Michael and **Phyllis Wendell Mackey** '78 on May 25, 1991.

A son, Ari, joined **Beth Polebaum** '78 and Sandy Cohn in September 1991.

A daughter, Marisa Taylor Cortright, joined **Lynn Rosik** '78 and Bob Cortright on October 30, 1991.

A daughter, Lindsay Seitz, joined Carolyn and **Greg Wheeler** '78 on January 8, 1992.

A son, William Cummings Newberry, joined Reed and **Jay Newberry** '79 on December 12, 1991.

A son, Adam Joseph Helitzer, joined **Rachel Davis** '80 and Jonathan Helitzer (Kenyon College '79) on December 23, 1991.

A son, Duncan Peter, joined Elisa and **Brian Harvey** '80 on April 21, 1992.

A daughter, Erin O'Neal, joined **John** and **Anne Wood Humphries**, both '80, on November 28, 1991.

A son, Michael Bertin, joined Paola and **Jim Carey** '81 on July 8, 1991.

A son, Benjamin Macdonald, joined Amy and **Peter Gould** '81 on November 29, 1991.

A daughter, Eileen Mavourneen, joined Patrick and **Janice Harvey Holley** '81 on December 25, 1991.

A son, Luke Jackson, joined Laurie and **Grayle Howlett** '81 on October 24, 1991.

A son, Andrew, joined David and **Sue Bayler Kotila** '83 on September 30, 1991.

A daughter, Caroline, joined William and **Spencer Steer Saltonstall** '83 on October 3, 1990.

A son, Philip Herbert, joined **David** and **Birgit Munte Steuber**, both '84, on January 29, 1992.

A daughter, Emily Anne, joined Mindy and **Rich Wagman** '84 on June 27, 1991.

A daughter, Claire Marie Growney, joined Jay Growney and **Krystyna Brzustowicz** '85 on October 4, 1991.

A son, John Miller Hathaway, joined Gary and **Shannon Miller Hathaway** '86 on September 25, 1991.

A daughter, Elizabeth Anne, joined David and **Mary Kate Welch Barbosa** on April 11, 1992.

Language Schools

Twin daughters, Jana Celeste and Brett Elena, joined Phil and **Jory Hingson Beeson** (Spanish '76) and sister Rebecca Joanne on January 24, 1992.

THE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

Frank Bellizia (M.A. '70) has been named director of the diversion program at Youth Services in Brattleboro, Vt. The diversion program is a court alternative open primarily to first-time-offender juveniles and adults referred by the state's attorney's office. He holds a doctorate in human services administration from Boston University. ...Poet **Laura Dickerman** ('89, '90, '91) has been named the 1992 winner of the Ralph Nading Hill Jr. Literary Prize. Her winning poem, "Vermont Summer," will be published in the fall issue of *Vermont Life* magazine. ...**Kirk Combe** (M.A. '80) is now an assistant professor of English at Denison Univ., having completed a doctorate at Oxford University in 1988. ...**William P. Clough** (M.A. '72) has been appointed to the Commission on Independent Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He is headmaster of Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine. ...A fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities allowed **Daniel Sharkovitz** (M.A. '90) to study Shakespeare for six weeks during the summer of 1991. Half of the seminar took place at the Univ. of Delaware, with the last three weeks at Stratford-on-Avon. ...Salmon Publishing of Galway, Ireland, has published *The Bear and Other Poems*, by **Knute Skinner** (M.A. '54). He divides his residence between Ireland, where he lives in a cottage in rural County Clare, and Bellingham, Wash., where he directs the creative writing program at Western Washington Univ. ...For 25 years, **Doris Vladimiroff** (M.A. '56) has been the director of Upward Bound at Bowdoin College. The mission of the program is to inspire and encourage Maine high schoolers to obtain higher education. It is aimed at teenagers who, because of lack of money or lack of information, might not otherwise consider college.

FRENCH

Last summer saw the retirement of **Francoise Ripoche**, the long-time assistant to the director of the Middlebury School in France. Ripoche came to Middlebury's program in Paris in 1976, and served with eight different directors, making good use of her encyclopedic knowledge of Paris and her ability to deal with a sometimes baffling French bureaucracy. She has long been a favorite with the Middlebury students, many of whom stop in to visit whenever they come through Paris. Ripoche's plans for the future, and her new found free time, included doing some traveling. ...**Helen M. Cummings** (M.A. '66) was made L'Officier dans l'Order des Palmes Academique in March 1991. The ceremony took place at the French Consulate in Boston. ...Now that **Lyn Kirkconnell** (M.A. '69) is living and working in Brazil, she is working hard on improving her Portuguese. Last fall she attended the 11th Brazilian Feminist Encounter, where the main themes were "Ecofeminism" and "Feminism in the '90s." ...Nightshade Press of Troy, Maine, has published *3,000 Dreams Explained*, a collection of poetry by Carl Little (M.A. '86). Formerly associate editor of *Art in America* magazine, he is now a freelance writer and editor living on Mount Desert Island in Maine. His first book, *Paintings of Maine*, was published in 1991. ...**Jacqueline C. Malouf** (M.A. '66) is teaching a FLES program ("Bonjour, Boston") via the Boston cable television system. The program is sponsored in part by the French government via the French Cultural Services in Boston. ...**Cynthia D. Richards** (M.A. '81) is teaching French at West Craven High School in New Bern, N.C. ...**Betsy J. Partyka** (M.A. '83), an associate professor of Spanish at Ohio University, was selected one of 24 Sesquicentennial Alumni at Ohio Wesleyan Univ. in January. The honored alumni were selected as outstanding examples of the liberally educated citizens and scholars Ohio Wesleyan has graduated throughout its history.

ITALIAN

A Fulbright scholarship took **Maria Libera Vallone** (M.A. '71) to Turin, Italy, during the 1991-92 school year. An Italian teacher in Newton, Mass., she was also awarded a Fulbright scholarship in 1978 and a Rockefeller Scholarship for filming in Italy in 1987. ...**Alfonso Procaccini** (M.A. '71) has been promoted to full professor at Smith College, where he teaches Italian language and literature.

GERMAN

The Stamford, Conn., YMCA has chosen **Charles Ainsworth** (M.A. '74) as its new executive director. In addition to his Middlebury degree, Ainsworth holds a master's degree in administration from Columbia Univ. His work with foreign students at St. John's Univ. led him to his first YMCA job in 1980, when he became director of the International Student Service for the YMCA of Greater New York. From that position he became planning director for the 25 branches of the New York YMCA. When the branch in Flatbush was floundering, he took over as executive director and created dynamic new programs to meet the specific needs of that community, including ESL programs, an early childhood center and after school programs. He is now looking forward to the new challenges of another YMCA in a very different community, with its own special needs.

SPANISH

Lesley W. Carroll (M.A. '91) is attending Loyola School of Law in New Orleans. ...**Clark M. Zlotchew** (M.A. '66), a professor of Spanish at SUNY College at Fredonia, received the campus Award for Teaching Excellence in 1988 and the Kaslin Award for Research in 1992. He is the translator/editor of *Falling through the Cracks: Stories of Julio Ricci* and the co-translator of *Light and Shadows: Selected Poems and Prose of Juan Ramon Jimenez* and of *The House in the Sand: Prose Poems by Pablo Neruda*. Two books are scheduled to appear in 1992: *Libido into Literature: The "Primavera Epoca" of Benito Perez Galdos* and *Voices of the River Plate: Interviews with Argentine and Uruguayan Writers*.

WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Gerard Gormley ('90) was awarded a fellowship for a month-long residency at the Millay Colony for the Arts in Austerlitz, N.Y. Gormley's latest book, *Orcas of the Gulf*, was selected by *Library Journal* as one of the best science books of 1990, as was his earlier book, *A Dolphin Summer*, in 1986. ...The Ohio State University Press has awarded **Teresa Cader** ('80, '81) $1,000 and publication of her collection of poetry entitled *Guests*. The award was presented by the university press and *The Journal*, the literary magazine of the university's creative writing department. Although this is her first book of poetry, she has had more than 30 individual poems published. Formerly associate director of the Innovations in State and Local Government program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, she now serves as a communications consultant to that program.

Christine Ploeser Reese (M.A. French '71) married Larry Reese on September 2, 1990, at the church in Les-Baux-de-Provence. The wedding reception was held outside Arles where the bride is pictured with Barbara Silverberg Villez (M.A. French '71) and her daughters Emilie and Elouise.

OBITUARIES

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Catherine Wolkonsky, M.A. French, of Spring Valley, N.Y., a former faculty member (1955-68) and assistant to the director of the summer school, died on March 19, 1992. She was 96. Mrs. Wolkonsky was the founder and the chairman of the Slavic Department at the State University of New York at Albany (1963-72), chairman and professor of Russian at Vassar (1946-61), and also taught French at the Russian Summer School at Norwich University (until the age of 90), Reed College, the University of Connecticut and Cornell. She also taught courses on methods of teaching Russian at the Teachers' College of Columbia University. Born in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1895 to a military landowning family, Mrs. Wolkonsky served as an army nurse through World War I and the civil war, retreating with the the White Army to Istanbul and Belgrade, where she married, and eventually joining distant relatives in Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1924. Here she taught French until World War II, when Cornell inaugurated training in the Russian language. She was, at that time, the only woman on the faculty. In 1969, she received an honorary doctorate from Norwich University and in 1972 the New York State award for Distinguished Foreign Language Teacher. She is the coauthor, with M.A. Poltoratsky, of *A Handbook of Russian Roots* (1961). Upon her retirement from Albany, she became the assistant of Alexandra Tolstoy, daughter of the writer, co-editing her memoirs (published as *Out of the Past*). Mrs. Wolkonsky is survived by her daughter, Maria Marr of Spring Valley, with whom she lived for the last three years, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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JOHN E. BALDWIN, M.A. English, 81, of Brewster, Mass., and Winter Park, Fla., on February 14, 1992. A graduate of Brown University, he taught at Sutton High School in Massachusetts, St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont, and the Hill School in Pennsylvania before moving to the Northfield-Mount Hermon School in Northfield, Mass., where he taught for 31 years. He retired to Brewster in 1975 and maintained a summer residence there while spending the rest of the year in Winter Park.

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GABRIELLA SOBOTKA, French, of Northampton, Mass., on December 8, 1991.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Julius Kroeck (Elsa Holmstrom), 376 Central St., Acton, MA 01720.*

I was glad to hear from **Joan Begiebing Klenck** who says that she enjoys living in a senior citizens retirement home in Bridgewater, N.J. She says that whoever invented these homes deserves much credit. She is grateful for the security, peace and harmony. Her little apartment gives her privacy, but just walk down the hall and you find company and friends. She prefers to prepare her own meals and do her own laundry. She walks with a walker outside, weather permitting. One of her daughters lives 12 miles away; they have lunch together once a week and shop for groceries. She has seven great-grandsons—all beautiful little fellows—and no great-granddaughters. All the members of her family are well.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Allen C. Clifford (Catherine Robbins), 15 Carver St., Brandon, VT 05733.*

On September 3, 1991, I thought I was going to the home of my son, Seth, for dinner to celebrate my 90th birthday. But at the appointed time, Seth arrived in a limousine and took me to the Adams, about a mile out of town, where 16 relatives and friends were assembled. Seth and his wife, Kerry, and their daughter, Amity, had arranged the celebration for my birthday. Guests included my brother, Rodney Robbins, and his wife, Margaret; my daughter, Elizabeth Paquette, and her husband, Conrad; grandson Derrick Clifford and his friend, Sue Shepard; grandson Seth Charles Clifford and his friend, Christa Martin; grandson Mike Paquette and his wife, Erica; and my friend, Frances Brown Close, and her husband, John.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Frederick M. Meek (Amy Hunt), Box 447, Kennebunkport, ME 04046; telephone (207) 967-2440.*

Mrs. **Philip Toleman** wrote in late winter: "Thank you for the birthday wishes for Philip. He was happy to be remembered. However, before he could answer he passed away November 13 of a cerebral hemorrhage. The end came quickly. He hadn't been well for the past few years and wasn't able to do much writing. He had led a very active life, particularly in the community affairs in our rural town of Happy Camp, where we lived for many years. After retirement we moved to Citrus Heights, a suburb of Sacramento, to be near our children. His death came as a shock to me after being his constant companion for 65 years." A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Toleman. ...**Louise Burnham Soule** is still keeping busy with her rose garden at The Willows in Westborough, Mass., but admits that it is not the best climate for roses. She has had to replace many plants with the help of the rose committee. Louise is very proud of a grand-niece who is very musical and recently gave a cello concert at The Willows. Louise and husband Frederick enjoy the services of a young woman in Westborough who drives them out to do errands once a week and to see the outside world. ...Albert and **Anna Wilkinson Pratt** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April 1991, when 12 members of their family traveled the 150 miles from Massachusetts to Noroton in southern Connecticut. The celebration began with attendance at the Presbyterian Church where the minister announced the occasion and Anna introduced each member of the family to the congregation. Following the service, there was a special dinner at the Red Lobster at a long table especially arranged for them. "The afternoon was spent at our home just enjoying each other, looking at scrapbooks, taking pictures and checking out the yard and gardens. It was truly a day to remember." ...Just as these notes were going to press, your secretary learned of the death of **Dorothy Taylor Savage** in May. We are all deeply saddened. A memorial will appear in the Autumn issue. **Reginald Savage** had very recently sent us a report on Dorothy's progress at the nursing home and we send him our sincere sympathy. ...We regret to report the death of **Sadie Posner** in late May of 1991. A note of sympathy has been sent to her niece who informed us of Sadie's death. When we last corresponded with Sadie she was having several health problems. Her niece writes, "Now I know she is at peace." ...We are also saddened to report the death of **Stanton Harris** on February 3, 1992. He will be so greatly missed by family and friends. A letter of sympathy has been sent to his daughter, Ruth Harris Carlson '51.

HIGH NOTES

• **Nelson Camp '38** recently received a community service award from the Southbury (Conn.) Historical Society in recognition of his many volunteer contributions to the town. He serves on the Inland Wetlands Commission, Town Beautification Committee and the Southbury Land Trust, as well as working with several outdoor organizations with his wife, **Polly Overton Camp '38**.

• Governor William Weld of Massachusetts recently presented **Faye George Berube '50** a Governor's Award for Excellence for her more than 30 years of distinguished public service to the blind in that state. She was praised as an outstanding teacher, innovative leader and tireless advocate for the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

• Upon her retirement from teaching, **Gretchen Deckelman McCombs '51** received a commendation from the Chino (Calif.) School Board and was presented with a senate resolution from Senator Ayala for her contribution to education and to her community. Gretchen was in a pilot program for children with learning disabilities.

• **John '57** and **Virginia Havighurst Middleton '58** have served for 13 years on the volunteer ambulance squad in Southbury, Conn. Ginny is a medical response technician and John is an emergency medical technician.

• Back in 1968, **Frederick Tuttle '58,** who died on June 7, 1992, after a long battle with cancer, became the first principal of the South Burlington, Vt., Middle School on Dorset Street. In May of this year, about a month before his death, a ceremony at that school paid tribute to Tuttle for his service both as principal and school superintendent and officially renamed it the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School. (A full obituary will appear in the next issue.)

• **Jim McGowan '59** will have his translation from the French of Baudelaire's *Les Fleurs du Mal* published in 1993 by Oxford University Press as part of a series called The World's Classics.

• **John Warde '70** published *The New York Times Season-by-Season Guide to Home Maintenance* in February 1992. John has been the home improvement columnist for *The New York Times* since 1987 and is also the author and/or editor of many recent Reader's Digest do-it-yourself books.

• **Linda Kite Canty '72** has developed a dance therapy program, called "Get Back in the Swing," for cancer survivors. She is also part of a patient-to-patient volunteer program at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York.

• **Evelyn Zmudsky LaMont '72** received the 1991 Montana School Psychologist of the Year award for her work in the Billings, Mont., public schools. Presented each year to one school psychologist in the state, the award goes to the person who has demonstrated outstanding services to students, teachers, parents, community agencies and the profession of school psychology.

• Lt. Cmdr. **James R. Everett III '78**, U.S.N., was named the 1991 recipient of the prestigious Herman Dworkin Award, given annually to the top Soviet naval analyst in the United States. Jim is the first non-civilian to win this honor, as well as the first person outside of the Washington, D.C. area.

• **Anne Witty '80** is the curator of Astoria, Oregon's Maritime Museum which tells the maritime story of the Pacific Northwest.

• **Gail Glover '81** was recently chosen young educator of the year by the Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers.

• **Marnae Pearlman Ergil '85** spent the 1991-92 academic year in Tianjin, China, conducting research on the education of practitioners of Chinese medicine and on the changing nature of Chinese medicine.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald D. Fredrickson (Dorothy Johnson) 199 Central Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940, and Mrs. Arthur A. Headley (Dorothy Tillapaugh), 648 Forest St., Apt. B, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.*

A letter from **Esther Sargent Urquhart**'s daughter, Aroline Putnam, tells us of her mother's illness in a nursing home in Bradford, Vt. She suffers from Alzheimer's disease and has been there for five and one-half years. Her husband died in 1983. She has five children who live in Vermont, New York and Virginia; 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. It is sad to learn of her long illness but it's good to learn what a full, rich life she must have had. We have let Aroline, who lives near her in West Newbury, know how much we appreciate her writing us. It is heart-warming to know that at least one child of a classmate reads our news in *Middlebury Magazine* and responds to our pleas for news. Are there others? ...**Dot Johnson Fredrickson** still takes part in church and other community interests. At a recent AARP symposium on grandparenting, she was one of a panel of four on the topic "Keeping the Family Together." After the discussion, a young woman came to her, threw her arms around her and said, "I wish you had been my grandmother!" Dot, with nine grandchildren to practice on, was flying to Atlanta on the first of March for the christening of her seventh great-grandchild. ...**Evelyn Plumley Adams** sent a copy of the Winter 1962 *Middlebury College Newsletter*. It contains an article written by Evelyn, "Mother Went to College Too, 1914-45," and is illustrated by a beautiful picture of Dean Ross. Evelyn was enjoying the company of a young neighbor who was staying with her while parents were absent. She comments on how lonely it is without Ernest after 57 years together. ...Evelyn's letter was written in late February so it reminded me that our junior year (1923) we had gone together by train to Winter Carnival at Norwich Univ. I recalled the exciting competitions, the evenings of dancing—freshman hop and fraternity dances, at one of which a Middlebury band had played. A vivid picture flashed through my mind. On a bandstand sat **Ebbie Gollnick** at the piano, (Harold) Durkee '24 leading with his saxophone, **Stoney Hollquist** with his drums, while **Ernie Adams** strummed a banjo. What music they made! What music we all made at Middlebury! With no TV, practically no radio, we made our own music—all kinds. We had Choir, Glee Clubs, College Orchestra, College Band, Chimes, Organ, String Quartet, Mandolin Club, private lessons and practice rooms, as well as music in dormitories, frat houses, Chapel and gym. In addition to the aforementioned musicians, the College Dance Orchestra included Al Hunter '24 with his violin, Barney Gruggel '26 with his banjo and (Erwin) Hasseltine '27, cornet. Dot Fredrickson remembers Al Hunter singing, as well as playing violin, at dances. Other class members who excelled at making music for dancing were **Norm Polhemus**, whose fingers on the ivories kept everyone on the dance floor. **Jack (John) Lee** was a fine violinist, in addition to his skill at the piano. Our yearbook says Jack was founder of his own group known as "Lee's Lyrical Lunatics." The cornet of Roger Scott '26 was also heard in dance bands. Many of the dance groups accepted engagements outside of Middlebury and their skills were in constant demand at home, for we did a lot of dancing. There were informal dances nearly every Saturday night; there were frat house parties, big formal dances—Sophomore Hop, Junior Prom, Senior Ball, Scullions Ball—and every sorority and fraternity held a formal. As you can read in the 150th Anniversary *Kaleidoscope*, "the College Dance Orchestra of the Roaring Twenties played for many a flapper and her beau as they kicked up their heels in the Charleston." There was still a lot of ragtime played and many songs from the WW I era. The repertoire was varied. The College Orchestra had a goodly number of serious musicians. **Jack Lee** is described as a mainstay of the Orchestra, as well as the string quartet. **Norm Polhemus**, Roger Scott '26, **Emile Holley** and, from the Women's College, **Olivet Beckwith, Dorrisica Caswell, Aldura Hatch (Browning)**, as well as **Beryl Gaylor (Kalin)**, all played in it, while Beryl was concertmaster for at least two years, in spite of her hearing disability. Dorrisica was also a member of the string quartet. That quartet was special, with **Mike (Michael) Prata** (a rare musician), first violin and soloist, and **Jack Lee**, second violin. Among the College Band members were **Gordon Brokenshire, Art Bulbulian, Norm Polhemus**, Roger Scott '26 and **Cy Hamlin**. There was a lot of vocal music. In our junior year, more than a third of the voices in the College Glee Club were those of our men. Women's Glee Club, coached by Minnie Hayden (remember?) was very popular and we had our share of choir members, both men and women. Voices harmonizing with chords plucked on a ukulele were heard all over campus. At dormitory parties, song (plus eating) was of first importance. The two Dots remember one playing a banjo-mandolin, the other mandolin, for a festive evening, harmonizing with their roommates, **Bea Stevens** and **Arline March**, as early as freshman year. **Spragueу (Eleanor Sprague)** was another who supplied uke music, while **(Esther) Spooner**, with her warm contralto, is fondly remembered. **Don Banks**'s favorite among the banjo players was Barney Gruggel '26. Don told how on warm spring or fall days Barney would sit in his window at Hepburn, strumming away (singing too, we assume), filling the air with his music, audible clear over at the KDR house where Don might be readying a canoe for the water. Unknown to this coed was the Otter's appeal to young canoe paddlers and, as for the "skinny-dipping" hinted at by Don, as the Creek passed the back yards of frat houses, she was unbelieving. She knew nothing of that, except what her mother had told her long ago—that swimming "au naturel" was done only by boys from "the other side of the tracks" who had no tubs in their houses and were compelled to do their scrubbing while swimming. To this coed, the Otter was merely the pleasant stream that "Winds the willow on its journey to the Lake." Back to music. Music is for always. Although we may no longer play or raise our voices in song, it is there for us to enjoy. Those of who us were at our 65th Reunion in 1990 have a lasting memory of Beryl going, after the all-class dinner Friday night, to choir rehearsal and singing next morning with the Alumni Choir at Convocation and again at the final event, Alumni Chapel Sunday morning.

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth Goodale Murray, R.R. 1, Box 396, Perkinsville, VT 05151, and Lindley W. Robinson, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301.*

Walter Thompson graduated from Vermont Academy in 1922, along with me (Lindley) and the late **Earl Samson**. Having known Walter for just over 70 years, I was privileged to have kept in touch with him throughout the years. His Christmas cards always carried a nice little poem which he had written. Walter taught English in the high school in Rome, N.Y., from 1926 to 1930. He was then head of the English department in Sewannaka High School in Floral Park on Long Island from 1930 to 1960. Upon retirement he was awarded a "Distinguished Resolution" from the Nassau County Board of Education for "his notable contribution to the field of English. After retirement he was active in affairs of Vermont Academy and of his church. I never knew Walter to speak ill of anyone. ...**Lee Wilson** writes, "Sorry I won't be able to attend the Class Reunion on May 30, but the distance is too far and we no longer travel long distances. My wife, Polly (Syracuse Univ. '26), and I are still 'hanging in there.' We are both 87 and enjoy Arizona where we have lived for over 20 years. We would like to hear from any of our classmates who are traveling through the area or any persons interested in living here. Our activities are pretty well restricted at this stage. I still enjoy my Masonic work, being a Shriner and a Jester. I still pride myself on making out my own income tax. Due to past training in the Middlebury Glee Club, I still enjoy singing with the various groups and we still go dancing on Saturday nights. Anyone traveling through the area, please call us (602-933-2415)."...**Bob MacDonald** was at his Oakland, Calif., home when the 3,000 homes burned there, but reports his house was not in danger. The day after Thanksgiving he was driving from Los Angeles to Oakland when he passed through the horrible sand storm, which claimed many lives and caused hundreds of wrecked cars. "I don't know how or why I made it safely but here I am. The car didn't fare so well. The engine was full of sand and the body was shy of paint. I was here in Kauai just in time to greet that rain deluge, 20 inches of rain in one night, resulting in deadly floods. Again my home was safe. I do a little writing to keep me mentally alert. In 1986 I had my autobiography published. Two years ago I completed a book dealing with real estate development. I entitled it *Real Astute Real Estate*. For the past two years I have authored a chain letter concerning financial conditions in our country. Some of you may have received a copy, but since they were unsigned you might not know where they came from. It is remarkable how a person can change with the passing of years. When I first enrolled in college I was impossible, to say the least; judgmental, self-centered and arrogant. As I look back now I think that by graduation time I was probably the nicest boy in our class." In response to my request about recent travels, Bob listed some 30 top-notch hotels and restaurants he has visited, from Hawaii to Cape Cod, Stowe, Vt., and California, saying, "I can recommend all the places I listed in my summer meanderings, but I can't say a good word for the slot machines at Atlantic City, Lake Tahoe or Las Vegas."...**Elizabeth "Lib" Howard Gordon** is grateful to be in good health and able to get around. She belongs to a reading group. She has lived in Danvers, Mass., for over 50 years, during which time she gave music lessons. She married George B. Gordon, now deceased. They had two daughters, both of whom graduated from Middlebury. Daughter Jane Gordon Pelton '58, who has three daughters, lives in Windsor, Conn., and is active in a Middlebury Alumnae group in Hartford. Daughter Mary Gordon '65 worked for 20 years for Little Brown Publishing Co. and has an apartment near Boston. In college, "Lib" was a member of Pi Beta Phi and was very active in sports. She was news editor of the *Campus* and was on the *Kaleidoscope* board. ...I (**Betty Goodale Murray**) am saddened to report that **Ada Winchester Chromec** died on January 15 after a brief illness. At her memorial service, the Rev. Charles G. Campbell, pastor of the First Congregational in Springfield, Vt., spoke of her devotion to Middlebury. In their conversations Ada had mentioned the inscription on the front of Mead Memorial Chapel, "The Strength of the Hills

ALUMNI CALENDAR

July 8 Reception in Cleveland with Hugh Marlow '57, director of alumni relations.

July 13 Tall Ships harbor cruise in Boston.

July 21 Baseball outing at Shea Stadium for the Mets vs. the L.A. Dodgers.

July 23 Harbor cruise in New York.

August TBA In San Francisco, a send-off for the Middlebury College Class of '96.

August 2-15 Alumni tour of the Elbe River region.

August 26-30 Alumni College XVII, at Middlebury's Bread Loaf campus.

September TBA Ellis Island tour in New York.

September 18-20 Alumni Leadership Conference at Middlebury.

September 25 Parents Weekend I, Middlebury.

October 10-11 Homecoming Weekend, Middlebury.

October 22 The Boston Middlebury Alumni Association offers a trip to *The Phantom of the Opera,* when it plays at the Wang Center.

October 23 Parents Weekend II, Middlebury.

December 8 Holiday reception in Boston.

December 9 Holiday reception, at the University Club in New York.

For more information on these or other events, contact the Alumni Office, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802/388-3711, ext. 5183.

is His Also," which was an important influence in her life. She married Frank Chromec '30 in 1934 in Franklin, Mass. He died in 1987. She taught school then later operated Chromec's Furniture Store with her husband in Springfield. She is survived by a son, F. Winchester Chromec of Phoenix, Ariz., a daughter, Lila Hemlin of Madison, Wis., and a sister, Lila Doe of Kennebunkport, Maine, as well as several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. I remember Ada as a most attractive, dark-haired girl, who in our sophomore year was elected vice president of our class. Ada was very active in sports, in the Dramatic Club and the junior prom committee. ...I would appreciate hearing from people who have news of the following classmates (to mention a few): **Frances Harder Ramsdell, Mildred Goss, Marion Laughton Martin** and **Lucy MacDonald**. It would also be wonderful to have folks send me news of their activities to make this column more interesting with news of more of us who are now in our late eighties. ...Word has been received of the death of a very dependable Middlebury news source. **Clara Park Burnside** died January 31. The widow of Orrin Burnside, she had been a home economics teacher at Weaver High School in Hartford. In Wethersfield, Conn., she was a member of the First Church of Christ and an active member of the Garden and Book Club. She leaves a sister, Celia Ray, of Southington, a nephew and three nieces. Back in our college days, Clara was vice president of the Women's Athletic Association, a four-year member of the College Choir, secretary of Student Government, a member of Theta Chi Epsilon and of the Pan Hellenic Association.

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Class Secretary: *Howard Cutler, Indian Chase Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830.*

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Class Secretary: *William K. Donald, 14740 Eden St., Palm Acres at Shell Point, Fort Myers, FL 33908;* Acting Co-Secretary: *Miriam (Mimi) Sweet Coombs, 13 Highland Ave., Concord, MA 01742.*

Although Christmas is long past, we want you to know that we do appreciate your responses to our "Season's Greetings" card with its 65th Reunion "promo." It was **Bill Donald**'s idea. He took the Mead Chapel photograph, designed and produced the card. Then he and **Mimi Sweet Coombs** did the long distance messaging. ..."**Tib" Moody Rice**, in Longboat Key, Fla., for the winter, received the card and the Winter issue of *Middlebury Magazine* at the same time. She wrote, "That is wonderful news about having a safe place for some of father's memorabilia. I was afraid everything would just be scattered. I'm certainly grateful to you and others who have fought so valiantly to hold them together. That was such a good piece in the magazine. I'll try to be at the 65th. Life gets very busy at Carleton-Willard, but I'll try." Carleton-Willard is their Bedford, Mass., May-to-November residence. ...We have more good news, "Tib." With the cooperation of President John McCardell, Gordie Perine '49 and Breck Lardner '60 (**Zella Cole Hibbert**'s son-in-law, now in Middlebury's development office) are busy with their plan to have the Paul Dwight Moody area at Kirk Alumni Center ready for our 65th Reunion in 1993, as a tribute to the efforts of **John Walker, Del Hadley Lardner, Jane Carrick Oviatt** and **Nap Blanchette**. ...**Elizabeth Hayes Balch** wrote from her home in Rogue River, Oregon, to thank us for the greeting; "What a thoughtful memento. The sight of the lovely chapel stirred up pleasant memories. The chapel is certainly an anchor between the past and the present. You asked for news. I am excited that my grandson, Robin West, will be attending an international migratory bird conference on the Middlebury campus on June 13, 1992. Robin is coordinator for all state and federal wildfowl agencies in Alaska and will represent that state at the conference. He wants me to fly to Vermont and help him get acquainted with our relatives, so I hope to visit Middlebury again, if my health allows." This actually sounds like one of Elizabeth's less hazardous adventures with her grandson ...**Gwen Thatcher Whalley** wrote from Charlotte, Vt., that she appreciated the greeting and does plan to attend our 65th. ...We also heard from **Marjorie Dewing**, who is fine again after surgery. We hope she will come from Franklin, Vt. ...We may have to do some persuading to get **Helen Bailey**, now also a Vermonter, to come to reunion, but we certainly applaud her faithful attendance at all the Tri-State Alumni Club meetings. These included "a delightful spring meeting at Lake Morey," a summer auction at Middlebury and a fall meeting at Harkness House. Director of Alumni Relations Hugh Marlow '57 attends these meetings and is very congenial." **Ruth Simmons Dinkel** and **Hester Dwinell** have also attended them. Helen keeps in touch with **Helen "Celestie" Northrop Grippen** by phone and, at the time she wrote, was waiting for her to return from Hawaii and California. ...Emily **Gould**'s reply to our Christmas greeting to **Dick** brought news of his death last October 20. Emily wrote that Dick had bought new hiking boots and looked forward to getting on the Long Trail again this summer. But the '91 summer had been very uncomfortable for him, with a series of sieges with pneumonia, the last of which proved fatal. We had last heard from them in Hanover, N.H., where, in retirement after a career in social service, Dick was serving as a volunteer for the Grafton County Health Utilization and Personnel Committees of the Senior Citizens Council. At Middlebury we predicted a stage career for him because of his acting, producing and stage managing successes, including *He Who Gets Slapped, The Lawless* and *Admirable Crichton*. He was also on the board of Wig and Pen. A career in music also seemed probable for our band drum major, college choir singer and Glee Club member. Actually, college activities were just part of his life. I met him first in church and remember the hospitality extended to a group of us, who, as college freshmen, feeling displaced, descended upon his father, the minister of the Methodist Church. Dick and **Art Yeaw** welcomed us to their activities. The great outdoors was another part, as his son, Dick Jr., indicated in a letter to

his mother: "Dad died today. It was his kind of day. Clear, blue, cool, with leaves turning and falling. A crisp Vermont day, full of life and change." Dick describes his father in ways that will remind you of him as we knew him: "A very private man—he left us many private things—things to use in our lives and then to quietly pass on. A sense of dignity, a sense of human worth, a clear view of right and wrong, patience (monumental patience, especially with his wife and sons), quiet humor—and eyes that could look right through you or draw you to him, depending on your sin and its size. He was very real and very clear and always will be." Emily adds that Dick always loved Vermont and Middlebury. To Emily and to their sons, Dick Jr., John and Thomas, we express our sympathy. ...As is his custom, Bill checked on those "Snow Birds" and his "settled" Florida neighbors. Dot and **Earl Hindes** were found in their winter Brooksville home, north of Tampa, active, but uncertain about reunion. ...Dot and **Hank Ferry** were in Winter Haven, where they always enjoy the Boston Red Sox spring training season. ...He found Marj and **Fred Whittemore** in their winter home at Vero Beach, eager to get back to Dorset, Vt. ...Charles and **Tib Moody Rice** were busy at Longboat Key. ...The "settled" group checkup found **Eva Marshall Douglas** settled in her new apartment at Penney Farms. When Bill spoke with **Alice Fales O'Connor** in Kenneth City, she was feeling very lonesome, having lost her faithful canine companion, Charlie. ...**Helen Revere Hatch**, who was entertaining and treating her son to home cooking, in a pause between activities in Venice and Sarasota, was making plans for another Costa Rica trip. ...One of those now-too-frequent letters from the College told us of **Nan Belisle Daley**'s death on New Year's Day 1992 in San Francisco where she had made her home since 1964. She began her fantastic political career there by helping to start up many of the city's Democratic Party Clubs. She was elected to the San Francisco Democratic Central Committee and was a delegate to several presidential conventions. At the time of our 50th Reunion she was administrative assistant to Richard Hongisto, Sheriff of San Francisco. Later she headed the Victim-Witness Program in the city district attorney's office, retiring only four years ago. You will remember that she received (in absentia) the Middlebury College Alumni Achievement Award during Homecoming ceremonies in 1989. What you may not know about is her service to the College: She served on the alumni admissions committee, hosted San Francisco alumni events, including those with College officials, and participated in phonathons. Nan attended our 50th and 55th Reunions. Health considerations prevented her planned participation in 1988. We're not surprised at her political successes and we're sure her writing skills played a part. We remember her feisty *Campus* editorials and columns. Nan was a published poet and again we remember her beautiful poems in the *Saxonian*. In fact, her early career was in literary research and publication. With all her successes, her husband, home and family were her loves. For our 50th Reunion publication she wrote that her hobbies were "people in general, my children, their lovely wives and children." Nan's husband died in 1966. To her four sons, James Jr., Eugene, Eliot and Walter, and to their wives and children, we express our sympathy for her loss and our admiration for her accomplishments. ...It's always good to hear from our classmates' spouses who have been part of our '28 family these many years. Myrtle **Bliss** wrote to thank us for the story and photography of **Zenas**' clock. Our mentor, Bob Peskin, deserves the photo credit and our thanks for all his help. ...Think 65th and send birthday greetings to **Storrs Lee** (August 3), **Helen Bailey** (August 8), **Margaret Moody Rice** (August 27), **Marjorie Cross Smith** (August 28), **Marguerite Kent Fitzpatrick** (September 24), **Emily Lobdell Smith** (October 1), **Helen Revere Hatch** (October 23) and **Gwendolyn Thatcher Whalley** (October 30). ...**CLASSMATES, PLEASE NOTE:** Two years ago when Secretary **Jane Carrick Oviatt** felt that she should resign because of her illness, **Mimi Sweet Coombs** volunteered to help me continue this '28 column. She did not wish to be designated co-secretary since she had not been voted in as such. As you know, our '28 notes have been timely, substantive and very well written. Much of this (including the above material) has been due to Mimi's encyclopedic knowledge about our classmates. Most of the text for these past years reflect her literary expertise. Though we work closely together, what you read is Mimi's creation. It is truly appropriate that henceforth your column shall include her in the heading as "Acting Co-Secretary." Please write Mimi and tell her how much we appreciate her diligence, creativity and long-time service to our class. Better yet, her phone number is (508) 369-5595.

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 21 Claremont Ave., New York, NY 10027.*

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Beecher W. Dudey (Helen Kendall), 220 Ash St., Corinth, NY 12822.*

Orpha Brown Hunsberger is one of us who still drives her car to get out of the house. Her husband is ill, but her four children are very supportive. They visit when they can and one son, Frank, lives in her state of Ohio. ...Aloha! Our Hawaii resident, **Helen Simpson Hull**, is still "going strong" and enjoying swimming. ...**John Owen** finds the new Alumni Stadium great. He saw two football games there last fall. It's nice that he lives close to Vermont in Port Henry, N.Y. ...**Lib Parker Andrews** sent us a recent picture of herself for our 1930 scrap book. We hope the rest of you will do likewise! ...**Larry Wilson** still has some pep. He and Eleanor are well, but "slowed down." ...**Lucy Hager Bidwell** and Franklin also admit to having slowed their pace. ...**Wally Green**'s wife, Evelyn (Clement) '32, reports that it was eight years ago that Wally had his stroke. Family and friends are very helpful. The Greens enjoy their home where they have resided almost 50 years. ...We regret that **Lucile Damerell Eastman** died on December 3, 1991. Her husband, Don graduated in 1931. ...Although **Ruth Potter Bode** had cataract surgery last year, she is still able to drive and to enjoy her hobby of bird watching. ...Clarence and **Helen Walcott Iverson** admit to being octogenarians. ...**Muriel Johnson Thorn** is "still filling her days quietly." ...**Virginia Knox** is exceedingly busy in preparing for the celebration in 1993 of her church's 300th birthday. She is involved in research and preparing speeches and programs for the Ghost Historical Society as "A Reader Grows Up in Glastonbury." ...**Bert Nylen** says he and his immediate family members are in good health. ...As usual, **Ralph Woodbury** has covered a lot of miles recently. He and Carolyn make the most of their retirement years. They visited Manaus, Brazil and other communities on the Amazon River in the *Stella Soloris*. They also visited Tobago, Grenada and Barbados. Returning home, they spent several days in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Orlando. In June, Ralph and Carolyn boarded the *Crown Princess* to visit Nassau, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Cancun and Playa del Carmen. Of course Ralph attended (nearer home) some of the races in Saratoga and had fun picnicking at Lake George. Then these movers spent the holidays at year's end in Ste. Catherines, Ontario! ...**Thelma French Walker** gets occasional help from her grandsons, but they are busy with their own college lives. She finds that growing old is no fun. ...As for me, I have slowed down considerably. I had a long bout of bronchitis, with 41 days of confinement, in late December and early 1992. I look forward to a more active summer. When you are in the area, drop in to see me.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Edward W. Toomey (Mary Stolte), P.O. Box 301, Grafton, VT 05146 (May 1 to October 26), 17615 W. Hwy. 98, Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (October-May), and Mr. E. Parker Calvert, P.O. Box 886, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679.*

From **Helene Dundas Rayner** came a beautifully tatted friendship wreath. She says wreaths were given as far back as pre-Christian times to wish health, wealth and happiness for the ensuing year. Thank you from us all, Fluffy. ...**Harold S. King** spent the early days of 1992 at Gulf Coast Hospital in Panama City, Fla. We are happy to report that Duke is fully recovered. ...Can you imagine **Henrietta Olsen Smith**, still active in dramatics, busily working with her exercise class on a spring production of *South Pacific*? ...**Marian Tolles Chase**, as president of the Henniker, N.H., Historical Society, is busy helping to ready the town for its 225th anniversary celebration. She writes that her husband, Phil, and a friend had painted the cast iron plaques on the town's historic markers—18 in all! She says, "Fun for us, but hardly interesting for the magazine." ...Although **Irene Tarbell Wheeler** and husband William have given up their car, they enjoy visitors and offer a tour of Foulkeways, their residence complex, to friends who call. ...Still a guide at Historic Deerfield, **Priscilla March** works with guide training, which this year centers around the landscape and material culture of Franklin County, Mass., in the 19th century. She has attended a series of lectures on and exhibits of lace making and has participated in a reading series entitled "Encompassing Columbus—Five Italian Lives" at the Historic Deerfield Library. Priscilla often sees **Helen Legate Roberts**, who is still active in her women's clubs and other groups. Helen has had word from **Betty Bull Loveless** who is continuing her recovery from a stroke suffered last year. Betty's husband Cecil has been most helpful. ...**Ruth Morrison Wilcox**, who is doing volunteer work in the Department for Senior Services, has enjoyed learning to use a computer. Quite an accomplishment! She is fortunate to have her daughters just 30 minutes away in Palm Beach. ...It was great to learn that **Theta Conant Claflin** is once again biking and swimming every day. ...**Richard Fear** has set up a full business schedule for the year 1992. Obviously, his services as a personnel consultant are still very much in demand. He does take vacations and is fond of traveling to London for the theatre season. ...**Marshall** and **Prudence Ingham Montgomery** enjoy their continuing care facility in Delray Beach, Fla. They keep in touch with the College through visits from alumni office personnel following up on alumni chapters in the South. ...**Philander Bates** is happy to boast the climate of Cape Cod where there is seldom snow of any consequence. You can understand his enthusiasm when he points out that his is a 250-foot driveway up an incline! ...Fol-

lowing the death of his wife, Lucile Damerell Eastman '30, last year, **Donald Eastman** rearranged his affairs, selling the Biddeford property but retaining the Basket Island property for the children and grandchildren. Then, inspired by Professor Schmidt's geology class, he went off to Idaho and New Mexico to prospect for garnets and tailings of low-grade gold ore. He doesn't expect to get rich, but does hope to fulfill a long-held desire. He always was a traveler! ...**Linnea Wall Parker** spent Christmas in North Carolina with family, visited her son in central Florida, then spent a month with her sister in Marco Island. We're happy to learn she is once again getting about. ...Elsa **Crocker** reports that **Walt** had a rough and discouraging winter. We hope his spirits recovered with the arrival of spring! ...It is with deep regret that we must report the January deaths of **Helen Hoadley Brown** and **Elizabeth Moyle Champeau**, both after long illnesses. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 182 Lancaster St., Albany, NY 12210.*

Henry Platt assures us that he's "getting adjusted" to living in a retirement home (The Holmstad, Apt. 4B, Batavia, IL 60510). He shouldn't get lonesome for he has some 500 neighbors in several buildings and apartments on a 40-acre campus. There's a huge population boom in that area with high-tech people moving in from the vicinity of Chicago. Bell, Amoco and Fermi Lab are a few of the companies which have located there. Hank says there is plenty of "in-house" entertainment of music, drama, etc. He's looking for a church with which to affiliate and attends the weekly Kiwanis Club meetings. ...We have learned of the death of Thelma Bascom in late December 1991. Thelma was the widow of the Rev. **Theodore (Ted) Hadley**, our classmate who died in 1979. Ted served a number of churches in New Hampshire and Vermont, including Somersworth, Hampstead, Andover and Gilsum. We remember that Thelma worked for many years as a secretary in the admissions office. ...The Albany Public Library asked **Gray Taylor** to read excerpts from the 106 letters written by his grandfather, Nelson, while a cavalryman with the 9th NYS Volunteer Cavalry in the Civil War. The TV video tape and news write-up of that appearance spawned invitations from several local organizations and the junior high school. Keeping those appointments, along with completing the assembly of a 227-piece roll-top desk, has made for some busy and productive months. Gray is still hoping to find an interested publisher for the letters which are gathered in a volume entitled "Coffee, Pork and Hard Tack." ...We talked with **John Falby**'s daughter, Judy Falby Tuttle '60, who said that John is still struggling to overcome the effects of a bad fall a few years ago. He is, however, in generally good health and keeps active with walking and working in his garden. He'd love to hear from you, so drop him a greeting at The Arbors, 52 Harbor Road, Shelburne, VT 05482. ...We regret to report the death of **Richard (Dick) Berry** on January 5, 1992, and extend our sympathy to **Eleanor Benjamin Berry** and the family. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue. ...Whit and **Elsa Smith Beardsley** enjoyed an Elderhostel to Greece, Israel and Egypt last February: "Snow in Greece; snow in Israel—the first in 50 years! Washed roads out and stalled cars, so Masada was out. However, the Golan Heights tower over the Sea of Galilee and I'm all for the Israelis keeping it. I can see why **George** and Nathalie Lewis '31 **Emery** go back to Egypt—average age there is 19! They have problems—food and health. We traveled this tour with Peggy Straus Patierno '56 and her husband, Lou. Wonderful people to be with."

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Philip L. Carpenter (Helen Easton), 83 Quagnut Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879-4602.*

Helen and **Dick Allen** visited friends and relatives in Colorado and California in February 1991, enjoying a two-week respite from the cold New England winter. In August the Allen family got together in Rockport, Maine. Later Hurricane Bob wiped out their power and phone for a week, but "we kept presentable by using showers at the tennis club and went to the parish house to keep in touch with the rest of the world." ...**Dot Britnell** finally gave up her 22-year-old car. "It seemed silly to get a new one, but I'm gradually getting accustomed to the strange controls. It's like teaching an old dog new tricks." ...Dale and **Mim Barber Brown** had the "treat of a lifetime last August: a weekend with our kids, grandkids and niece Sally at the Otesage Hotel in Cooperstown, N.Y., ending with a 50th wedding anniversary reception for 150 of our relatives and friends on the hotel veranda overlooking Otsego Lake." ...Louise and **Clark Corliss** said their only travel last year was to North Carolina for an Elderhostel and to visit a son in Asheville. ...Ed and **Joan Rowland Glassburn** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last August with an affair hosted by three of their four children at a cottage on Lake Erie. Spouses and grandchildren were out in full force and made it a gala occasion. ...**Mel** and Perky Monroe '39 **Glazier** wrote, "We've had a healthy year, considering that we are both medical miracles." In the fall they enjoyed a family reunion attended by at least 50 relatives, including her son, Ted, and his whole family from New Zealand. ...Our most senior classmate, **Ev Gould**, celebrated last Thanksgiving at home, partaking of a dinner cooked and brought in by his daughter, Janice, and two of her daughters. Nine people were in attendance, and they left Ev enough food to last him a couple of days. Being unused to such service, Ev "was surprised by its real professional quality." ...**Peg Eaton Guilmette** reported that last year consisted of a "series of anxious moments." Husband Maurice's 90-year-old sister became ill in March 1991 and died after 11 days in the hospital. Then Maurice himself had gall bladder surgery in September, after which he had other problems requiring the combined services of Peg and daughter Frances. Peg wrote, "She works all day and I play my days by ear." ...Gertrude and **John Hartrey** are now up to 12 grandchildren. Their oldest son is in London and hopes to live there with his family for three years, so the Hartreys have that trip on their agenda for 1993. They had two weddings this past year (granddaughters) and two graduations (grandsons). "With a large family something is always doing." ...Last September, **Ruth (Noddy) Nodding Hopkins** moved into an apartment in a continuing care retirement community near Hanover, N.H. She has three rooms and a kitchen and likes it very much. As far as she can determine she is the only Middlebury alum in the 247 units, but residents include Dr. James Armstrong, former Middlebury president, and his wife, Carol. Her new address is Mrs. Walter S. Hopkins, Kendal at Hanover, 80 Lyme Road, #208, Hanover, NH 03755 (phone 603-643-3671). ...Halvor and **Marjorie Haynes Lacher** did quite a bit of traveling last year, visiting relatives and friends in California, Texas and New Mexico. ...**Grace Wilder Larudee**'s daughter, Mehrene, wrote that her mother is now confined permanently and should be addressed B-3, Fairmont Hospital, 15400 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94578, since her apartment is now sublet and all mail is forwarded to her daughter in Amherst, Mass. ...**Barbara Truman Lindgren**'s daughter wrote that her mother had a severe stroke in April 1991 and is now confined to a wheelchair. She is doing quite well and does appreciate messages from her classmates. ...**Alice Collins Pace** had a visit from her son, Danny, and his family last summer. They live in the Marshall Islands, near the equator, where he says the weather is balmy. ...**Al Painter** "broke out of the cocoon" a couple times last summer to take a jaunt to Maine and a trip to Hawaii—both delightful experiences. Aside from this he said, "I'm just holding the fort." ...**Ring Pratt** wrote that he and Susan were "both well and healthy—but that seems to have become a temporary situation; years do take their toll." ...Dusty and **Dick Roberts** drove to Berea, Kentucky, last October to a reunion of her family. There were 160 present and she was the oldest of 57 grandchildren. He said, "We're looking forward to our 60th in 1993." How about the rest of you? ... When **Marguerite Hunold Stein** married Russell Stein in 1948, John S. Ross served as best man at the wedding. Subsequently, the Steins and the Rosses were great friends for many years. After the deaths of Dot Ross and Russ Stein, Marguerite and Jack remained friends and eventually decided to marry. The wedding was held on September 7, 1991, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Glen Cove, N.Y. Two days before Thanksgiving 1991, they moved into a new house they had built at 470 Mockingbird Lane, Southold, NY 11971 (phone 516-765-4016). We wish them all the best. ...Rose and **George Siipola** reported a quiet year, except for several trips to the Smokies and a week at Disney World in Florida. They have eight grandchildren and two greats so far. ...**Marie Ernst Sloper** says, "All is well after my hip replacement in April 1991, except for some lingering difficulty tying shoes and getting down on hands and knees." You don't have to have a hip replaced to bring on those difficulties, Marie! ...**Red Yeomans** is "keeping reasonably well, but the Florida summers raise the devil with my tender skin. I'm supporting a dermatologist." Better not come north too much unless they get this arctic hole in the ozone layer plugged—except for our 60th Reunion! ...Tom and **Ginnie Whittier Warthin** finally moved after 42 years from their 18-room house to four rooms. "We seem to have lost, mislaid, or forgotten everything of importance. Will never be the same." Their new address, as predicted in the Spring issue, is New Pond Village 120, 180 Main St., Walpole, MA 02081-4033 (phone 508-668-3651). ...**Harry Wells** had a five-way heart bypass in April 1991 which imposed some limits on his golf. But eight weeks after the operation he did play 18 holes and, on the par three 13th, he "hit the only good shot, straight and true into the cup for a hole-in-one." On December 4 he had a cataract removed but, despite that, he was able to get out Christmas cards.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Ruth Ells Crane, P.O. Box 1077, Coe St., Winsted, CT 06098.*

Marion Goodale has been much occupied with working on the formation of an organization for single people in her community. She reports that it seems to be filling a real need and is attracting all age groups. ...Marion supplies a new address for **Nelda Filippone Alleva**: 22 Ludlow Road, Windsor, CT 06095. Nelda and her husband have a new home which they are enjoying. They

also keep busy with their little granddaughter, Gabrielle. ...Marion also informs us that the Ashfield, Mass., Historical Society is offering some of the late **Mary Priscilla Hall Howes**' books for sale. Among them are *The Collected Poems of Mary Priscilla Howes, Country Legacy* and *The First Ladies of Ashfield*. Anyone who knew Mary Priscilla knows what a talented writer she was. If anyone is interested in obtaining any of these, you may contact the Historical Society at Box 277, Ashfield, MA 01330. ...**Len Snow** writes that his luck and health are both holding well. He celebrated his 80th birthday, his 50th wedding anniversary and his 10th year of retirement, all in September 1991. He says he is gardening, mowing the lawn, hustling fireplace wood, shoveling snow, having fun with grandchildren and playing golf. When does he find time to sleep? Evidently the active life agrees with him! ...Len recently got together with **Nelson Beebe** and his wife, Myrtle, in Plattsburgh, N.Y. The Beebes had just returned from a trip to the West Coast. ...**Frances Sargent Hoyle** writes that she has moved in with her daughter. Her new address is 36 Dewolf Ave., Bristol, RI 02809. ...It's delightful to have so much news this time. How about the rest of you? Has anybody else been on an interesting trip lately? Let's hear about it. I can't report news I don't get, so if you want to keep up with your classmates let me hear from you.

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Class Secretaries: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert) 1977 Marlboro Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348, and the Rev. Leland Hunt, 10 Murray St., Norwalk, CT 06851.*

Natalie Dunsmoor wrote rejoicing in the arrival of her first great-grandniece, which occurred two days after she suffered a painful fall on the sidewalk near her home. As Natalie put it: "I needed that good news! Luckily I was able to carry out all my summer plans, along with many visits to my doctor and dentist." That's the old Midd spirit, Nat! ...**Millie Aubrey Monagan**'s Christmas card deserved special attention. It was designed by Prindle Wissler-Mullin, widow of Prof. Ben Wissler. The detailed depiction of the joys of Christmas was fantastic. Millie and her husband were planning a bus trip to the Winter Carnival in Quebec City in February. She is also looking forward to helping in the new Center for the Arts when it opens. ...Christmas is the time for family gatherings. Eric and **Doris Anderson Carlson** were no exception, spending Christmas with son Neal, enjoying the Christmas Eve pageant in which their two grandchildren took part. They were particularly glad to welcome home granddaughter Mona from Botswana where she spent three months on a multicultural conservation project. It's amazing how many and varied are the opportunities available to women nowadays as compared to 1935! ...**Lucy Roberts** claims she is "a quiet, peaceful citizen at home" and enjoys traveling via the travel section of the Sunday paper. She too has found that Elderhostels offer delightful programs. ...**Betty Coley Congdon** spent Christmas Day with her sister, Harriet, and her family. Betty was elected to make the apple pie, which I'm sure was delicious. She has had a chance to attend a very interesting Elderhostel program and plans to attend more. For those of you who find that there is more time than there are activities to fill it, do look into these Elderhostel offerings. All the reports coming my way are very enthusiastic. ...After 13 years of visiting inmates of a local penitentiary, Abe and **Jean Wiley Zwickel** are retiring. They will miss their good friends there, especially a Yugoslavian sea captain who looks forward to taking them on a sea voyage when he gets out. One interesting development from regular visits with those who are institutionalized, whatever the reason, is that they become people like us instead of inmates whom we do not understand and sometimes fear. As part of the county literacy program, Jean is tutoring a Colombian woman in English. Jean also enclosed a newspaper article recounting their long dedication to peace. ...Last May **Grace Harris Corbin** flew to Arizona for her grandson's high school graduation and then on to Solano Beach, Calif., with the family. Unfortunately she fell and broke her wrist the last day there, so she flew home with a cast on her wrist and had to give up swimming and golf for some time. But the really good news is that on October 19, Grace and William Wieners were married, with all the family from various states gathered to share in the happy occasion. Our very best wishes to the newlyweds. They hoped to spend Christmas with Bill's son and family stationed in South Dakota. Look for news of Grace from now on as **Grace Corbin Wieners**. ...We thank Howard and **Faith Arnold Diver** for supplying us with a great photograph. ...**Rudy Bona** and wife Penny have lived in Florida for 20 years now. They divide their time between their home in Maitland and a share condo at New Smyrna Beach on the Atlantic Coast. Due to deaths in Rudy's family, they have made three trips recently to New York state. On one trip they stopped in Annapolis, Md., to visit Penny's brother. ...Kay and **Les Benson** are still living in Dover Plains, N.Y., and visiting his mother, who is in her 90s, in her Canaan, Conn., nursing home. Kay was looking forward to her 50th reunion at Elmira College in June. ...Barbara and **Jim Millar** have been active in the Portsmouth, N.H., Athenaeum and in discussion groups on "Great Decisions," sponsored by the Durham, N.H., A.R.A. They spent some of the winter months at Hilton Head, S.C. ...**Charlie Kuster** reports that the broken ankle mentioned in previous class notes is stiff because of the metallic pieces required to hold it together, but he is able to walk and is "looking forward to a better 1992." He says that the slogan in his family is "keep active and be useful." ...**Les Evans** had a cataract removed from his left eye, with subsequent lens implant, last December. He says he can now "follow the golf ball better." He and Lorraine attended an alumni luncheon in Sarasota in February. They were returning to Connecticut on April 23. ...**Wy Smith** reported in mid-February that his health is "in a favorable cycle, with no pain." He went skiing in Utah for six days in March. He was hoping to go to London for five plays and for an automobile trip to Scotland. Not bad for someone who spent the summer of 1991 undergoing three courses of radiation. Wy recently enjoyed reading a new biography of Sinclair Lewis and has reread four Lewis novels: *Main Street, Babbitt, Elmer Gantry* and *Dodsworth*. ...**Chuck Woodman** is in very poor health, according to his wife, Virginia (Rich) '36. The Woodmans enjoyed a November visit from their son, Chris, who lives in Colorado.

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Class Secretaries: *Ed and Ruth (McNulty) Howard, Mountain View Estate, 19125 N. 93 Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382.*

Douglas C. Rubb has been engaged in a verbal struggle with this column for too long. We two, who are on the masthead, know only second hand of the circumstance that caused the problem. Viewed from arm's length, the situation appears to be nothing more than a misunderstanding based on two divergent interpretations of a statement made in a letter by Doug to the previous secretaries. The statement in question referred to Iran (not at that time a kitchen favorite in this neck of the woods) and its plight at that time (just after a severe earthquake had devastated the area) and pointed out an action that Doug intended to take or had taken. The thrust of the statement (and note that this does not pretend to be a quote) was that Doug was selling or considering the possibility of selling an asset ("his grandmother's farm") and using the proceeds to help the afflicted in Iran. The column that reported this event may or may not have made an editorial comment and many of us must have gone on to the next item of interest without passing judgment, other than momentary surprise perhaps at the very high level of charity it represented and the benevolent eccentricity of the donor. But, aye, "there's the rub" (pun intended). Had Doug spoken his words, with a half smile or raised an eyebrow, it would have been recognized as irony and expired there. But written words, ink on paper, without the nuances or tonalities of speech, allowed the statement to stand as literal truth. The secretaries reported it so and Doug, in turn, became irate. We have been recipients of copies of excerpts from Doug's record with the Navy, too long to quote in their entirety. They speak of performance of duties "in a highly commendable manner, conduct in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service" and, in reference to his unit, "outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces relative to establishment of a fighter air base in the Northern Solomons, August 1943." Most of this is over the signature of Paul Hendren, Rear Admiral U.S.N., Commander, South Pacific Area and Force. Terse, factual, laudatory phrases saying what they mean to say. So now let us have peace between the '36 column and our correspondent from down under. And may he keep us posted about his world without vague idioms relative to "farms and grandmothers" lest we sin again. Following are the words that Doug asked us to include: "Doug Rubb wishes friends and acquaintances from the 1933-1939 classes to know that he refutes statements in the Class of 1936 column that he sent assets to Iran. He wouldn't give Iran or Iraq a grain of sand." ...In early January, **Mary Williams Brackett** reported a change of address for **Barbara Wishart Erickson**. Barbara and husband Ralph are now at 322 Avery Heights, Hartford, CT 06106 (phone 203-953-5985). In true Wishart form, Barbara had everything planned and organized for the move, but the day before she moved, she broke her ankle and ended up in Stamford Hospital for two weeks. Her daughter carried out the move. Ralph, in a wheel chair, managed on his own until Barbara returned. At the time of this news, they were both in wheel chairs. Hopefully, she is now back on her feet. ...By now most of you will have learned of the death of Dr. **Clarence Harwood** in December of 1991. We have had no luck in getting in touch with his daughter, Ruth. ...An address change for **Malcolm M. Swett**, 3030 Park Ave., #10, Bridgeport, CT 06604. Let's hear from you, Mal. ...In-

Howard and Faith Arnold Diver '35 proudly stack the last log on a chest-high pile of wood. Wood-gathering was one by-product of Hurricane Bob.

terruption: Ruth is enjoying a bit of sun on our patio when she calls me "sotto voce" to come and see a Geogoccyx Californianus moving rapidly along the top of our wall. Also known as the Chaparral bird, this bird is best known as the one in the cartoon that goes, "Beep-beep"—the roadrunner. ...**Clifford (Bud) T. Conklin**'s comment to my "Remember me?" was "My G—, how could I forget that face!" Gradually easing back on his medical practice, Bud is active about three days a week. He is well, is still in Connecticut and still reads the *Middlebury Magazine*—'36 notes first. **Ed Howard** has memories of a delicious meal at Bud's home in Brandon, Vt., as a welcome break from the less than gourmet fare at the K.D.R. House. Bud pointed out that, when strawberries were in season, his mother often served a somewhat eclectic meal, featuring well-cooked country style bacon and strawberry shortcake. Just the two items. He expressed warm thoughts about Midd, has not been back to a reunion, but left the thought that the 60th might be a good one. ...**Doug Hall** and Caroline are still giving Doug's bout with Parkinson's "a good battle." Drop him a card, or better, a note, at 7098 Bobolink Court, Lake Worth, FL 33467. ...**Malcolm Gross** has been a permanent resident of Florida for about four years. He says he loves it, although it is very warm in the summer. Originally from Orleans in northern Vermont, he spent many years in Akron, Ohio, with the company that doesn't have the blimp. Many years ago, when his son was four or five years old, the family moved into a new neighborhood and one of his son's playmates had a father who was an M.D. The playmate asked young Gross, "What kind of doctor is your father?" The reply: "Oh, he's the kind of doctor who doesn't do any good for anyone." (He's a Ph.D.) Now active in church work, Mal also has the sometimes thankless job of being the president of the condo community in which he lives. ...**Gus Brooks** and Katie are doing well but bemoaned the mild winter weather with little or no snow, a recurrent theme with all of the snow lovers on the East Coast. ...**Ed** and **Ruth McNulty Howard** report from Arizona that they have had more rain than in the last couple of decades. In fact, they have been alerted to expect the desert to bloom more profusely than it has in the last 30 years. Yes, cacti have flowers too, plus a dozen or more desert ground flowers. This rain may have been caused by "El Nino," that mysterious warm area in the middle of the Pacific. Do we know anyone or anything that could have heated up the Pacific in that area? They continue to enjoy golf. Ed's handicap has slid down from 19 to 15 since September. He now understands that he must give **Ham Shea** two a side. They had their usual Super Bowl Party, about 40 people, great buffet a la Ruth, plus potent potables, plus pool on the results of the game. They are still tapping their feet after a 2-1/2 hour session of Pete Fountain plus six sidemen playing to an almost packed house at the Sundome Auditorium which seats about 6,000. Who says we are all old fogies? ...Priscilla and **Elwood Hoxie** are well in Hingham, Mass. They are both going back to the 60th reunion at Thayer Academy where they met. Hox says they finally decided if they were going to attend these reunions together, it would be wise to be married. (He said it, Priscilla, not I.) ...**Martin Tierney** has taken another trip to Russia—five days, five time zones—plus trips to Germany and Italy with his brother, Raymond '44, and his wife. Martin still plays tennis four or five times a week and, to keep mentally alert, is taking courses in advanced and applied mathematics! ...Of all of us, **Gordon Hoyt** perhaps kept active in work the longest, having retired about 2-1/2 years ago at age 75! Gordy has lived alone for about 25 years. For a number of years he took cello lessons in Boston every Saturday. His specialty is early music, viola da gamba. He does some traveling. His last major trip was to Austria, but he said that the Austria of World War II days was more enjoyable. He sends his best to everyone. ...Sir **Hamilton Shea** is alive and well despite spending his first winter in Virginia. He too speaks of the mild snowless winter which allowed fairly regular golf. As befalls us all sooner or later, he has lost three of his regular foursome. He was looking forward to getting to Wisconsin May 15 (through October) to be really in the woods, with deer all around daily. With typical Sheaism he wonders if the deer couldn't be better toilet trained! Shall we start a fund for diapers for Shea's deer? ...**Dick Hubbard**, our "conservative-just-off campus," continues to be very impressed with the marvelous job President John McCardell is doing. McCardell has a solid nucleus of alumni support based on some 3,000 students he taught as a professor. This relatively young group could provide him support for many years. ...**Chris Conley Gifford** reports a busy winter in Southern Pines, N.C., where she is director of volunteers at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital, an extended care facility. She also spends time with the canteen and gift shop, in which all the merchandise is donated. Chris made special mention of the beautiful jewelry that is given to them. She goes to the theatre regularly and will again be summering in the Adirondacks where she can visit with her son who works for Kodak in Rochester, N.Y. ...**Auretta Hanson Herrington** has been busy helping her daughter, Nancy, who has moved back to New England from California and has been house-hunting. Rett's favorite winter outdoor activity is cross-country skiing on their Lake Kiwassa, but there wasn't much of that this year due to lack of snow. She stayed with Bob and **Agnes Harris Taylor** recently and saw the Rutland Ice Show in which their grandson performed. ...**Cornelia Philips Keegan** speaks of what a great place Hudson, Ohio, is to live. But it seems people are finding out about this nice place with good schools and the population is rising. Neely teaches an art class once a week. ...**Jeanette Platt Herrington**, another cross-country skier, was hoping for snow all winter. Although she says she is not doing much of anything, her granddaughter, Mary Herrington '93, certainly is. Mary has spent several months in Australia and a semester in Tanzania, Africa. She is interested in environment which, by the way, one may major in now at Midd. Jeanette feels very lucky that all her family lives in the same town of Hillsdale, N.Y.—no planes or trains to catch for family get-togethers. ...While touring Arizona and visiting some of its outstanding features and landmarks, **Mavis Jones Little** had a long telephone chat with the Howards. Jonie flew with a group from the East Coast to Phoenix and then to accommodations in Scottsdale, a former western trading post which has grown into a sophisticated Rodeo Drive. Among other points of interest, the group visited the spectacular Grand Canyon and the Biosphere in Tucson which Jonie found fascinating. Abigail Alling '81 is one of the participants in the Biosphere experiment. Jonie spent her last day (February 26) at the pool absorbing the gorgeous Arizona sun (temp. 85 degrees). ...Carl '30 and **Mary Dansereau Howard** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last December. Their children gave them a party—the first time in 21 years that the whole family had been together. Again there was the complaint of no snow, but then, she added, there was no shoveling either. Mary swims at the "Y" three times a week and still plays a good cello. She mentioned **Gordy Hoyt** and how she used to marvel at his expertise on this instrument while at Midd. Fairfield, Conn., where the Howards live, offers a variety of cultural interests, including theatre and the Norwalk Symphony. ...Thanks to all who sent us bits of information or took the time to talk to us when we called. We need a card or letter prior to our filing dates (the first of March, June, September and December). No news, no column. "Carpe diem." Remember, it's a good day when you wake up and nothing new hurts.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Road, Delafield, WI 53018.*

Phillip Brown writes that his family is in good health and that plans are in progress to sell their Rhode Island home and move to Florida. Due to a conflict with his 60th high school reunion, he will not be coming to our 55th. ...**Carol Bloom Chalmers** reports that her grandson, Seth Janus '95, is the 18th member of her family to attend Middlebury. Each person has had a unique experience but with common threads of great memories to share with the "older generation." A family wedding conflicts with reunion dates, but Carol reminds us she will be thinking of everyone in spring. ...**Loring** and Helene Cosenza '38 **Chase** are increasingly involved in community activities since retiring in New Hampshire. They were recently planning a long weekend in Bermuda on a Smithsonian study tour. And, of course, Loring is very busy in his co-chairing duties for the 55th and hopes to see many '37ers in May. ...Unfortunately, **Doris Cutting** cannot make our reunion due to special responsibility in the care of her mother in a nearby nursing home. For now, she relies on remembering "the way we were," but she sends her best wishes to all "returnees." ...**Paul** and Audrey Dimm '39 **Foster** write from Dallas where all is well with them. Paul still goes to his office every day with "chosen" limited hours. A trip to Cape Cod last September, just missing Hurricane Bob, has been the extent of their recent travels. ...**Ruth Furness Lombardy** reminisces how grateful she is for the outpouring of love she received from classmates and friends during the tragic family accident. We all remember with such sadness. Ruth is busy with family get-togethers, senior citizen activities and managing her two homes (Montpelier from April to mid-October and Bridgewater, N.J., in winter months). Of course she will be in Middlebury for the 55th! ...**Doris Downing Daley** wonders where the last five years have gone. She was really looking forward to seeing everyone again in May. ...**Gertrude Dole** has continued her research in the study of "hill farms" in New England. Another project involving the study of South American Indians led to the unexpected conclusion that clay figurines made by them represented a "frightful surgical procedure" in preparation for the marriage of very young girls. ...**Herb Ellison** continues to enjoy his active retirement, involving him in Chamber of Commerce work, small business counseling, seminars concerning the newly unemployed and help to small businesses. Of course he and Ginny (Fischer) '38 planned to be in Middlebury for the 55th. ...**Kay Stackel Leonard** (new address: 1285 Shank Drive, #252, Harrisonburg, VA 22801) is living in a retirement community sponsored by the Mennonites. She finds life most pleasant in her new home and has been busy organizing many cartons of books into a library in the retirement community—and the collection is still growing. Traveling is still Kay's hobby. She has attended Elderhostels all over the country, has traveled once again in Australia and New Zealand, and has visited Canada several times, most recently Nova Scotia. We're sad to hear, however, that she'll be missing the reunion in May. ...We are very sorry to report the death of **Dorcas Adams Ludwig** in

February 1992. Her son, David, recently wrote a newsy letter for his mother who was living in the full care facility of the Solvang Lutheran Home in Solvang, Calif. It is good to know that Dorcas found great joy in her son and her grandchildren and we send our sympathy to them. ...**Maxine Joslyn McClurg** was planning to come to the 55th and looked forward to seeing everyone. She has worked in her church office for 20 years and last summer enjoyed attending the triennial gathering of Presbyterian women in Iowa. Also last summer, Maxine enjoyed a visit from Em and **Margaret Dow Ludington**. ...**Charles Sawyer** writes of a pleasant visit to the "College on the Hill" recently in connection with attending a scientific congress in Montreal. Seven years past retirement, Charlie is still teaching anatomy to UCLA medical students as a volunteer and enjoying it very much. He regretted that he would not be at the 55th, but sends best regards to all our class. ...A newsy letter from **Janet Gray Willis** described a fall visit to the mainland with the opportunity to spend some fun days with family and friends in Denver and San Francisco. Now back in Hawaii, she is enjoying her apartment, described as cool and breezy, with a gorgeous view of Honolulu and the ocean beyond. She was sorry to miss the 55th and all the lovely '37ers. ...**Muriel Voter Williams** wrote of the death of her husband, Carroll, on October 11, 1991, and of the many beautiful tributes given him, including a first time Founder's Memorial Award presented by the Entomological Society of America. Muriel's letter was part of our commemorative letters and pictures at the 55th, which Muriel expected to attend. ...**Eileen Whitney Wilson** is living alone since the death of her husband, Russell, a year ago. She keeps busy with church activities, bridge groups and family activities. She is most fortunate in having wonderful neighbors as well as children and grandchildren nearby. She still has a home outside of Middlebury and spent some time there last summer supervising work on the house and attending Salisbury's bicentennial and other Middlebury events. She was looking forward to spending more time in Vermont with family and friends and hoped to come to the 55th.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Herbert Ellison (Virginia Fischer), Wood River Village, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., #C102, Bensalem, PA 19020, and Bruce Brown, RD 2, Box 167, Hamilton, NY 13346.*

Congratulations to **Cecil (Swede) Holstrom** and Kathy Shinn who were married in Annapolis, Md., on November 16, 1991. They had a small wedding with children of both families as attendants. They honeymooned at Rehoboth Beach, Del., and in the Bahamas. ...**Kay Severance Hart** lives in Palm Harbor, Fla., but keeps very much on the go. She attended her 50th reunion at Yale, where she met up with **Gidge Howe Hay**. Then she was off with her daughter to Kenya on a wonderful photographic safari. It had been almost 20 years since her last visit there and she is happy to report that conservation efforts in that country are being actively pursued. In recent years Kay has been on several research expeditions in connection with her activities in Earthwatch projects. In the winter of 1989 she participated in a project monitoring the eruptions of Mt. Arenal, an active volcano in Costa Rica, so she was greatly interested in the article in the Winter issue of *Middlebury Magazine* recounting the experiences of Sallie Sprague '73 on the same project. ...Also greatly involved in conservation is **Nelson Camp** of Southbury, Conn. Our thanks to Natalie Dunsmoor '35 for sending us a great newspaper article describing some of Nels' many volunteer services. He serves on the Inland Wetlands Commission, Town Beautification Committee, Southbury Land Trust and church committees. In recognition of his contribution to the town, he was recently honored by the Southbury Historical Society with a community service award. Nels and his wife, **Polly Overton Camp**, have always loved the outdoors and have worked with the Audubon Society, the Western Connecticut Bird Club and Boy Scout troops. ...Another newspaper article covers the story of **Art Wheeler**'s life, from birth right up to the present day. In 1954 Art became the town clerk of Whitingham, Vt., and has since become Whitingham's "living encyclopedia of local history." Coincidentally, his insurance business is located in the building where he attended school for six years. ...One of our most faithful correspondents is **Becki Abbott Brooks**. She recently went to Honolulu to see Janet Gray Willis '37 and had a splendid time. Then for her 75th birthday her three sons converged to help her celebrate—one from California, one from Michigan and one from Paris (6,000 miles!). Becki has also visited **Bet Osborne Hadden, Jean Dusenbury Brown** and **Betty Strait Moseley**. Add trips to Florida (where she enjoyed Epcot), Cape Cod and France, and you know Becki has been doing a great deal of traveling. While in Europe her son took her to Amsterdam, which she calls a "must-go-back" place. Peter also took her to his lab to see the Xenopus frogs whose eggs are used in his research. Somewhere in between trips, Becki attended Alumni College with **Jane Abbott Barry** and her husband, Fred. She took Vermont Folklife and found it super. Reunion '91 was Becki's sixth one in succession. She and **Phyll Malcolm Mithassel** went this year and they also enjoyed a wonderful brunch at the home of **Marj Arnold Cady**. ...**Bruce Brown** and wife Helen exhibited some of their work during February and March at the Rogers Conservation Nature Center in Sherburne, N.Y. Helen watercolors and Bruce photographs. They were looking forward to a three-week Elderhostel at nature centers in Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Raymond Skinner (Ruth Coleman), P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

From Monterey, Calif., **Loring (Doc) Lane** writes that he and Rotha had visited their daughter in Pennsylvania. Their granddaughter is a sophomore at Marist College; their grandson, who is in middle school, is heavy into swimming and baseball. They drove north through New England and stopped at Middlebury for a chat with Gordie Perine '49. In the fall, they traveled to Charleston, S.C., to visit a nephew, spending some time for golf on Fripp Island. Rotha is still on cloud nine over her fourth hole-in-one on November 19, her second in four years. ...Greetings from **Bob Lord**, who mentions that he and Barbara spent an enjoyable three weeks in Spain and Portugal last fall. ...Anne and **Joe Trask** persuaded Ed Reichert '40 to spend a great two weeks with them in Ireland and Scotland, golfing and sightseeing. ...News from another golfer: **Irene Fernandez Anderson** won the seniors championship at PAC Club for the second year. They were in Flagstaff, Ariz., for a week in September for the marriage of their son, Kirk. In October they went to San Francisco and Yosemite with Norm's sister and husband as experienced tour directors. ...**Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by spending two weeks on the Jersey shore with their daughter and family. They were looking forward to spending three weeks in England in June—two weeks on Dolphin Square in London, then down to the Cornish coast for a week. ...John and **Betty Riexinger Mettler** had a good summer 1991 in Maine, including a week's cruise from Boston to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Block Island. In January they took a cruise to Venezuela and some of the Caribbean Islands. They like the Clipper Cruises which have only smaller ships carrying fewer than 100 passengers. The Mettlers enjoyed seeing **Beth Heward Jackson, Bettie Letson, Pat Brewer Chadwick** and **Coco Farrier Wade** at a Victory Chimes reunion in North Conway last September. ...**Bettie Letson** sent a Merry Christmas greeting and wrote, "It's impossible not to be in the holiday spirit" in her new home, which was decorated with poinsettias, all in shades of pink, everywhere, plus a "lovely large tree adorned with silver and gold ornaments." ... Marilyn and **Bill Stoops** visited their son in Seattle in November and were much impressed with that "beautiful, vibrant city." ...**Eleanor Jeschke Jacques** writes that she is feeling fine but tires easily after quadruple bypass surgery last July, triggered by cardiac arrest in June. It has been a long trip back to normal and Art '40 is glad his household duties have become fewer. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the end of November at dinner with children and grandchildren. ...Barbara and **George "Cool" Park** spent four winter months in Florida, riding their bicycles daily. "Lute" Buttolph '40 and Marge visited them in Estero while they were there. ...Mary and **Joe Foley** settled in for the winter in Burlington, until March when they headed south for some warm weather and golf. ...**Elinor Wieland Cain** resides in Eustis, Fla., year 'round now. She and Nelson sold their Thompsons' Point property on Lake Champlain, but still visit Vermont every year and cannot seem to stay away. ...**Beth Heward Jackson** is a great-grandmother for the second time! The family now calls her "the Matriarch," but, she says, "Fortunately, I don't feel like one." Beth continues to play golf, walking the front nine and riding the back. Beth is grateful she can help out her ailing neighbors, chauffeuring them to MD appointments, food shopping, etc. Her family got together for the weekend between Christmas and New Year's in Iowa with daughter Barbara. Via Sunday phone calls, Beth keeps in touch with **Bettie Letson, Coco Farrier Wade, Pat Brewer Chadwick** and **Betty Riexinger Mettler**. ...**Mimi Manning Baldwin** hopes to lure Frank and **Betty Anne Dunning Jones** back east for another mini-reunion this year. ...**Thor** and **Carol Miner Gustafson** had a quiet Christmas at home with only one son and his family. Soon after they went south to visit daughter Gwenda and in January were with son Tim and family in San Francisco. ...**Ginny Orde Church** wrote that she had several "medical misadventures" in '91, from a successful cataract operation to gall bladder surgery, ending with knee surgery in August. With all these problems she and Vail have decided to sell their communications business. It hasn't sold as yet so they continue to operate at top efficiency, anxious to see it move so they can take some much needed vacation time. Although her knee is not back to normal, Ginny hopes to bicycle again and do a little cross-country skiing. ..."**BG" Heldman deVeer** has been lecturing on five great American artists of the 19th century and on Post Impressionism at Fortnightly, at church, and in Newtown, Conn. She also does a little painting now and then. ...**Ray** and **Ruth Coleman Skinner** appreciated receiving holiday greetings from classmates Deane and **Mary Pierce Mosher**, Anne and **Dick Sabra**, Art and **Bev Browning Gilbert**, Tom and **Dede Egbert Bennett**, Correan and **Bob Cushman** and **Pat Brewer Chadwick**. Ray has recuperated well from a stroke and heart

attack in December, but has developed a memory problem, possibly Alzheimers, so the Skinners aren't traveling far from Danville these days. They have enjoyed several visits from **Mel** and **Dot Korb Carter**. Mel is still active on the state/county environmental board as a consultant.

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Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Court, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Our thanks to all of you who returned the blue cards with your news. It's nice to realize that the Class of 1940 still has lots of spirit! ...From Honolulu **Jeanne Hoyt Shedd** reported that she spent Christmas in Dunedin, New Zealand, with her brother and his family. Upon reaching home she found her *Middlebury Magazine*. She wanted **Frank Nitchie** to realize that there are some affordable retirement communities, mostly church-related. As far as eclipse-viewing, from her report it seems the best place to be was with the Bishop Museum group in Kohala, altitude nearly 14,000 feet, above all the clouds. ...**Betty Miller Palen** spent a couple of weeks in S. Bristol, Maine, and a few days in S. Wellfleet last summer. In September she enjoyed attending the Alumni College up at Bread Loaf. She said it was a great experience and highly recommends it for anyone who has never attended. ...**Jean Rose Cozzens** enjoyed her big trip of the year. In September she and **Tina Ansart Mayo** and a couple from Dallas went to Italy. They spent several days in Rome, Venice and Florence, and had a sensory overload of history, art, architecture, etc. She was still agog at the excitement of wandering around Pompeii, the forum in Rome and taking a "vaporetto" on the Grand Canal in Venice. ...**Betty Forman Hummel** and her husband, Nick, had a busy fall attending several of the Dartmouth football games, as a favorite nephew was co-captain of the team. ...Walt '37 and **Bobbie Carrick Brooker** had a fantastic trip down the Danube with groups from Middlebury College, Washington & Lee and Dartmouth. The Middlebury group included Virginia Bond, Ed and Peggy Waller Glazier '41, Charles and **Debbie Bardwell Gresham**, Bill and Marion Anderson Jordan '42, Don and Debbie Ellis McIntire '53, Jean Vaughn Varney '52, Richard and Phyllis Ozimek (P '89), Bob Simpson '49 and Jody Keays. Michael Kraus and Allison Stanger (Midd faculty) were outstanding mentors. Bobbie's family is well, except for the usual aging signs. She and Walt will make their annual trek to Florida for a few weeks and they are planning their annual fishing reunion in the wilds of Maine. Bobbie is still in the real estate business and Walt is still active in the National Bank of Middlebury. ...Stew and **Betsey Barber Barney** celebrated their 45th anniversary with a trip to Hawaii. While touring the islands she couldn't help but think what it was like when **Jeanne Hoyt Shedd** made the trip to Midd in 1936 and how long it must have taken her. In June they went back to Colgate to celebrate Stew's 55th and he commented that he likes the way Midd handles reunions by having all five-year classes in the chapel. I agree with Betsey when she said that she was glad she went to Midd when she did, when fraternities were for men and sororities for women. As she says they were such good years with so many good memories, plus all the memories of our great 50th. ...A long distance call from **Hal Gordon** in Walnut Creek, Calif., brought details of his hospital visit on December 17, 1991. He had to cope with an unusually large aneurism in his aorta. Giving four pints of his blood prior to the operation, he survived and returned home on Christmas Day. Recovery is progressing well for a 1940 class member getting on to 75, his next birthday in August 1992. ...**Charles Straight**, in sunny Florida, claims not to have much news, aside from the usual hospital trips, etc., that are common to everyone at this age. His wife, Paula, is back on her feet and they are dancing six times a week again. A storm blew down a huge oak tree in their back yard. After sawing it up and splitting the chunks, they have a full cord of fireplace wood for the coming Florida winter. ...In a previous newsletter we mentioned the finished, re-modeled McCullough Gym (now unrecognizable). **Togo Eriksson** comments, "It's probably just as well." ...**R.C. (Bob-Andy) Anderson** writes that he rafted down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon with a Princeton group last June; wonderful but awesome. He has resumed giving talks and lectures under the broad title "Science and Society." He continues to migrate between Belmont, Vt. (almost dead center of Vermont—had to look it up) where he cross-country skis and Brookhaven on Long Island where he tramps on the winter beach. He plans to celebrate his 75th birthday on top of Killington on September 26, 1993, during leaf season, so he says, "You all come, you hear!" ...**Loring W. Pratt** (M.D.) says he and Jennie are fine. They went to the Galapagos in January 1991. Spent the latter part of the winter traveling across the southern part of the U.S.A. to California, then returned to Maine where they gardened and bluefished. In November they had a great trip to China for six weeks, primarily to southern China (Kunming and Xishuang Banna). ...**Arthur E. Andres** has married Flicka, whom he had known for many years at "The Wilderness" in Naples. He says they have a great time, dividing their year among Naples, Fla., Cape Cod and Rocky River, Ohio (10 miles west of Cleveland). He plays a lot of golf and rates golf courses on Cape Cod. ...**Jeanne Gifford Faerber** wrote from Florida that she keeps busy and happy with club activities and volunteer work. ...**Louise Gove Hawkins** feels fortunate to have good health and continues with volunteer work, working for the food pantry and also church work. She has time for swimming and, of course, yard work. Most important of all, she is now counting great-grandchildren! ...**Hazel Phelps Stannard** and George keep well and healthy. They greeted their seventh grandchild last April, so the present count is six grandsons and one granddaughter. Over Christmas they entertained an Australian family of four whom they first met through Rotary International. ...**Marjorie Burditt Striker** has found her two grandchildren a great source of education. From Alexa (3), she is learning spontaneous storytelling. By watching Matthew (1), she is learning patience, mechanical skills and lots of curiosity. Her other area of discovery comes from work in prisons, where she constantly sees evidence of lives being transformed, self-education progressing, and the human spirit surviving against appalling odds. She says that these unconscious teachers enrich her life. ...**Alice Atwood Spaulding**, along with **Bob** and **Bobbie Plumer Alden**, really enjoyed spending the Saturday of Alumni Weekend at the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1941. Alice is busy traveling once again. In September her trip to London and Paris was all she had hoped for—perfect weather, cordial natives and spectacular sights. Winter in Vermont was fairly kind. In February Alice was off to visit California relatives, then she was returning home to her volunteer tax aide duties for the elderly. ...From Falls Church, Va., **Charles English** writes: "Marjorie and I spent 10 days skiing in Taos, N.M., in December (we now ski free) and eight days on an *SS Norway* square dance cruise in the Caribbean in February. We leave March 1 for our 10th Elderhostel, this on Chincoteague Island, Va. Have reservations for a two-week trip to Alaska in June after our return to our cottage on Little Lake Sebago. This will be our 15th five-month sojourn in Maine." **Martha Taylor Elliott** is still doing a little piano teaching, limiting herself to students who are really eager. No replacements if she loses one. Her life centers mainly around church and family. She has retired from the chancel choir (she believes a good musician knows when to rest). However, she still rings, directs and writes for the handbells. She and husband Leete '38 have three of their four children living in Glen Burnie, so most of their family is nearby. ...**Verna George Bain** says that she is finally retired. No more three-day reviews for the school district. She has tried her hand at being a travel guide. She took 30 people to San Antonio for a week of walking, sent them home a week later and remained at the airport to greet a second group of 30 and did it all over again. Verna is still with Walkabout International. All 30 in each tour group were Walkabouters. She also seems to find time for gardening and her family. ...**Sally Nothnagle Tefft** is busy still producing the *Greenwich Journal/Salem Press* each week, as well as running the stationery store. Her winter sport is bowling. She climbed Redfield Mountain in the Adirondacks last summer with her four children. It was her youngest's 46th peak and Sally's first. She later climbed Giant with her daughter and grandson. Sally wishes they would remove all of the five-ton boulders. ...**Frankie Cornwall Hutner** is working on a new book, both as editor and as author of two chapters. The book is about women shaping the 21st century. Frankie is now happily living in Ripton, Vt., as she and her husband have moved their work. Her husband and his partner have an office in Burlington where they are managing investments. ...**Chuck Rumbold** informs us that his daughter, Ginny, and her family have moved to an 11-acre ranch at Yosemite Lakes. Soon after the move his grandson, Brendan Buldick (10), went for a skiing trip with classmates at Yosemite's Badcad Pass. It was his first time on skis, but the beginner slopes were too tame for him, so he headed for the higher slopes and his inexperience caught up with him. He ended up in a wheelchair with two bones broken in his right leg. But he loves skiing! ...**Don Noonan** writes of a trip to Albuquerque, N.M., for a grandson's Eagle award presentation. They went by train, which reminded him of the trips to Midd—transfers, baggage, fare and all. He was beginning to firm up summer plans after their 50th anniversary in April. ...**Ed Ormsby** reported a good 1991. He accomplished much in updating their home and still spent two weeks touring Ireland by car. He and wife Barbara (Roberts) '43 consider themselves fortunate as their daughters and families (three grandchildren) are doing well and all live in Connecticut so they can see them often. ...Your secretaries' annual news request letter arrived at **Senatro D. LaBella**'s just before his departure for a western Caribbean cruise. He was spending the winter at his winter home in Boynton Beach to escape the cold, snow and ice of central New York state. He thinks the renovations at Midd sound great. He enjoyed seeing everyone at our 50th and is looking forward to seeing all again at our next get-together. ...**Leonard C. Halnon** says hello and sends best wishes to all. ...**Tina Ansart Mayo** certainly missed Bill the first year without him, but her four children and friends have kept her busy. In April she visited her son, Dick, in Boulder, Colo. In June, **Barbara Peek Loftin** came up from Texas and they drove up to visit **Laura Smith Whitworth** for a couple of days and then went to Ogunquit, Maine, for three days. In September she and **Jean Rose Cozzens** had a 16-day grand tour of Italy. The highlights were Florence, Capri and, of course, Venice. Without much snow

this winter, **Laura Smith Whitworth** and I haven't met at the grandchildren's ski races. However, her grandson has won one of the races. She enjoyed a visit last June from **Bobbie Peek Loftin** and **Tina Ansart Mayo**. ...**Betty Carpenter Metcalf** answers the question of what people do when they retire from professional careers. Her husband after 30 years of oceanography has become a wonderful gardener and has rototilled gardens for dozens of other people. Betty, after 30 years of teaching children, is enjoying a kind of indoor artwork called cross-stitch. ...**Marjorie Poor Doyle** writes from Arlington, Vt., that it was great to make it through the Gulf War in 1991—but will we make it through the election of 1992? She says hi to all her friends who missed her Christmas cards. ...Writing from Oregon, **Jim Morrow** reports that deer hunting last fall was a big zero. Due to the very dry conditions, the woods were closed for most of the season—and when the season resumed they had thick fog for three days. End of hunting! Last year he and his wife tried a retirement community for a while, but he couldn't stand it. He says he's not that old and feeble. On returning to Port Orford they bought an old fixer-upper house with a marvelous view. They look down the entire length of Lake Garrison, about half a mile to the dunes and the ocean, and often have beautiful sunsets. He shoots trap a couple of times a month, claiming not to be a very good shot, but enjoying the company. Wife Kay keeps busy with the Rotary Annes and the friends of the library. ...Bob and I thank all of you who sent us news so that the 1940 column remains in print. Whenever you have a scrap of news during the year, send us a note at our home address.

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Class Secretaries: *Topsy Wadlund House, RD 1, Box 3039, Hyde Park, VT 05655, and Lester W. Ingalls, Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

B. Grow Grim keeps very busy with the Council on Aging; she often runs their field trips. She also volunteers in two libraries where she has "lost enough fear-of-computers to learn to evoke authors and titles from the dread instrument." (**Topsy House** recently developed the same expertise with the Vermont Library System computer. Truly liberating! It puts you somewhat in your grandchildren's league.) B. Grow and Bill attended their first Elderhostel at New England College in Henniker, N.H. ...**Marge Barkdull** also joined the ranks of Elderhostel attendees at Jeckyl Island, Ga. She loved exploring the island by bike. She also does volunteer work and is taking bridge lessons. ...Jim and **Marge Smith Storer** spent last September in Italy. They spent one week in a top floor apartment in Rome which "came with ear plugs to *attempt* to counteract the all-nightly din from the mobs below on the steps." ...Several classmates have commented on our reunion picture in the 1992 Middlebury desk calendar (June). ...From **Grimmie (Edith Grimm) Miller**: "What do we do in winter in Georgia? Belong to lots of things, eat lots of luncheons, go to concerts, plays and movies. And once or twice *look* at three or four inches of snow. If it lasts two days people go into raptures. The day it snows, *everybody* stays home. Before it comes they all buy milk and bread and videos." ...**Ed** and **Babs (Barbara) Warren Loftus** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 23, 1991. Their daughter, Lydia, recently remarried, at which time they gained not only a son-in-law, but two granddaughters, aged 16 and 13. ...Paul and **Elsa Norgaard Cullen** had a good trip to the lands of their roots last fall—England and Denmark. "Our trip began in Brussels where the industrial expansion and intensive building program gave a clear indication of the awesome scope and dynamism of the European Common Market. The contrast between Brussels and our own depressed cities in the Northeast was marked and disheartening." They visited 28 relatives (one of them an Olympic gold medal winner), ranging in age from three to 84. ...A new, permanent winter address for **Packy (Ruth Packard) Jones**: Hidden Dunes #1003, 5394 Highway 98E, Destin, FL 32541 (phone 904-837-2951). After recovering from a tenacious virus, Packy began enjoying her daily two-hour beach walk with friends. Family excitement centered on the publication of son Matthew's first novel, *The Cooter Family*, which is "about life in the Catskills and is in the Gothic tradition." ...Rushing to deflect the anguished howlings of anyone who felt slighted for lack of mention in our reports of the 50th Reunion, those handy blue cards were the key. Whether you have a blue card or not, please send us your news and comments and, be assured, we'll include them gratefully in subsequent class columns. ...**George Clark** wrote recently, "Such a good time, meeting and greeting so many of my classmates. Had a wonderful time and it was excellently planned." Many thanks, George, for your generous comments. It was very good to see you again. ...Our inimitable **Red (Albert) Hutton** wrote in late winter that the "big happening of the day is the arrival of the mail. It's great to hear from you. **Ginny (Brooks)** and I still talk about the wonderful time we had at the 50th Reunion with old friends. During the latter part of last summer we had a mini-reunion with **Simmie (Muriel Simm) Kibby, Dingy (Vernon) Wright**, his wife and daughter, in West Lebanon, N.H. We had a great day together, lots of laughs! In December Ginny and I moved to a new home: 12 Greystone Place, The Ledges, Laconia, NH 03246. We have cardboard cartons all over the place and can't find anything." By now you should have it all together, Red. Cheers!

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 29 Long Reach, Salem, SC 29676.*

By the time you read this, our reunion will be a happy memory. All the information here was gleaned from Christmas cards. (Sorry there's such a long stretch before publication, but that's the way it is.) ...Being in a wheelchair doesn't seem to slow down **Bill Wood**, who wrote a long letter outlining his activities. He had a fall foliage cruise up the river at Portsmouth and a cruise to historic isles and shoals off Portsmouth. Then he visited three art museums, including a major exhibit at the Currier Gallery in Manchester with more than 100 Impressionist paintings from Corot to Monet. He has been a resident of New Hampshire for over five years. Last May his '41 Chi Psi friends—most of whom he hadn't seen since graduation—had a dinner party for him. Bill was junior marshal for the '41 graduation. ...**Dave Smith** wrote to compliment the Class Book committee, as he found the book a delightful compilation. ...**Pat Kane McFadden** already had her ticket for reunion. ...**Alice Taylor Thornycroft** was undecided about reunion due to uncertainties surrounding cataract surgery and transportation. We certainly wish her the best. ...**Bill** and **Meg Buscher Day Andrews** have settled in at Heritage Village. Meg plays bridge, Bill sings with a chorus, and both do Meals on Wheels. Meg is being domestic, having the kitchen redone. ...Dottie and **Dixie Davis** were impressed with the diverse lifestyles and professions portrayed in the class book. ...**Charlie** and **Ruth Taylor Clapper** are great-grandparents! (They must be a lot older than the rest of us!) They had the thrill of holding their great-granddaughter when she was only 12 hours old. ...**Elma Boyer** spent a few days with **Nina Camuti Danielsen** and they visited **Ann Clark Rodda**'s grave. Ann was so anxious to come to reunion and we're so sorry she didn't make it. ...**Jack Young**, who died September 1, 1991, was also counting on reunion. **Helen Hooley Young** is picking up the pieces at her lovely condominium in Venice, Fla., and getting back into life, after years of nursing Jack. ...Eleanor and **Tony Wishinski** sent a card depicting Santa (Tony's alter ego) playing golf in the snow. Tony doesn't miss many good days on the links, so it was most appropriate. ...Kay and **Jack McMann** sent a lovely picture of the Lake Placid Club where I assume they play golf. ...Other nice cards with notes came from **Joan Calley Cooper, Sue Hulings Ottinger, Nina Camuti Danielsen**, Ed and **Jane Giblin Langey, Hope Rood Redway** and **June Perry Conklin**. They all said nice things about the class book. ...As of February 1, **Scott Morrow** was to receive an Associate Degree in Arts and Humanities. This is a magnificent achievement for him as he is very deaf and had serious difficulties hearing the lectures. He is starting a new research project about **Swede (Franklin Ralph) Swensen**, who was in Torpedo Squadron 8 of Midway fame. ...We welcome **T. Holmes Moore** to the ranks of the unemployed! Announcement has arrived of his retirement July 1 from the New Hampton School where he has had a 45-year career. He started as an English teacher and has served as president and headmaster since 1959. He also served as chairman and founder of the Non-Public School Advisory Council. ...Now that reunion is over, we hope you all had a great time and will come back again. Write us about your reactions to reunion and feelings about the campus and Middlebury in general. We love to hear from all of you. It makes this job fun!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. A. Cutler Silliman (Kathryn Sempepos), 279 Chestnut St., Fredonia, NY 14063, and Dr. S. Peter Nikitas, 41 Stonehenge Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.*

Watching the Winter Olympics (as these notes are being written) triggers memories which often transport me (**Kay Sempepos Silliman**) to those days at Middlebury when **Lois Groben Gilmore** and **Charles Cotter** glided gracefully over the ice of our floodlit outdoor rink, those days when **John Gale** careened down the slalom slopes. Remember? ...Planning for our 50th Reunion has already begun. **Virginia Clemens Lowman, Louise Wilkin Dimond, Dumont Rush, Evelyn Young Shepard** and your class secretaries met at Middlebury in March to lay the groundwork for a glorious celebration. In May your secretaries attended the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1942 to "walk through" the four-day event. A number of you will be asked to attend the Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September to add your expertise and offer your ideas. ...**Betty Young Ives** abandons her Martha's Vineyard home every year from June until October for a cottage in Nova Scotia on Little Lake Mush-a-Mush. "Very quiet except for the loons and other birds." It is close enough to son Don and family so that she can touch base with them for awhile. Don's family became landed immigrants in 1988. Reports Betty: "I volunteer at the hospital, exercise at cardiac rehab and aerobics class, and play bridge. I haven't worked at Edgartown Marine since I retired in 1987. Somewhere along the line I found that liking numbers could be most practical in a business way, so have filled in at various places as office

manager, right now for the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank. It's fun to learn new things and new computer applications." ...**Margaret Dounce Dale, Martha Newton VanGaasbeek** and **Mildred Carson Byers Bonow** meet for lunch every three months or so. Bounce tells me that **Russ** is still working as credit manager for a laundry supply company. She works part time in a bookstore and is parish visitor for a nursing home. The Dales spent March in Vero Beach, Fla., and vacationed on Nantucket in June. ...**Marty Newton Van Gassbeck** spent the winter in Fort Pierce, Fla., returning to her Longmeadow home in April. ...Here's the latest from **John** and **Fritz Head Gale** in their own words: "Still alive, still together, still working, still living in the same house (no Florida condo). Good trip to Cape Breton last summer for history, salmon and birds—plus a nice visit with Jan and **Vance Richardson** on the way."...**Jean Baillee Scafe**, our favorite grammarian and one of only three classmates (**Ralph Crawshaw** and **Phil Backup** are the others) living in the Pacific Northwest, brings us up to date on the last 49 years. After many moves, Jean and Ray settled in Washington state where Ray was vice president of the Roman Meal Company. Under his leadership Roman Meal became the #1 selling variety of bread in this country and was marketed in Bermuda, Guam and Japan (no mean feat). Disaster struck when Ray had a stroke 12 years ago which caused his immediate retirement and from which he has not yet fully recovered. Meanwhile, Jean was executive secretary to the vice president of student affairs at Pacific Lutheran Univ. The Scafes had a son and three daughters. Sadly they lost their youngest daughter seven years ago. Their other children and four grandchildren all live in their area and enjoy each other's company often. Five years ago, Jean and Ray moved to Federal Way, located between Tacoma and Seattle, an area growing by leaps and bounds. Keep those letters coming, Jean. We love them! ..."We will be losing a person of tremendous capability. I don't know how you replace people with that level of knowledge." Thus was **Bob Bristol** praised after 50 years of town meetings and 41 years as selectman in Sutton, N.H. Under his leadership Sutton was the first town in New Hampshire to publish a complete town report. The inscription in a book recently given to Bob reads: "To Bob, whose efforts are continually recognized as testimonies to what's right in our world." Bob taught at Proctor Academy and at Andover High School before taking up farming full time. At one point Bob had 1,000 hens on his hill. He reconstructed old farm buildings in his fields and, since 1981, has held a farm day to show old skills and implements. Bob's accomplishments have been acclaimed not only in the Concord *Monitor*, but also in the Boston *Globe*, the Manchester *Union Leader* and the Newport *Argus-Champion*. Bob's house and farm are now part of the Muster Field Farm Museum, an organization that he hopes will keep the hill looking like a 1940 one-horse New Hampshire hill farm. ...**Keith Cranker** has given up consulting work to help his sister take care of their 98-year-old father in New York state. Keith still lives in Reading, Mass. An avid reader and regular user of the Reading public library, he no longer does lapidary work but is now getting his grandchildren interested in the field. He spends some time in Florida each year, but not as much as he would like. He sends his good wishes to all his classmates and he hopes to see them at the reunion in 1993. ...**Frank Goldsmith** has been enjoying a full and active life of retirement for the past six years. He is active on the boards of a number of Westchester organizations, including the White Plains Hospital, the Westchester County Historical Society, and the White Plains Child Day Care Assoc., to name his top priorities. "We still live in the same house (41 years) with a nice piece of land, a great view, our own woods, and our swimming pool. We often feel that we are back in Vermont instead of central Westchester. We enjoy our grandchildren, our children, our gardening and our traveling, in that order." ...Good to hear from **Elliot Baines** again. In March he says he "had the honor of having Dr. John McCardell and Gordon Perine '49 visit during their swing through Florida. The new acting prexy is a great improvement and I hope he becomes permanent. Right man for the job of getting the College back on track. Marty (my wife) and I last summer drove 11,160 miles around the U.S. and western Canada, took a ship from Vancouver, B.C., to Anchorage and thence via the *Midnight Sun Express* to Fairbanks and Denali (Mt. McKinley). We are convinced that this is the only way to truly see the U.S., if you have enough time. It's not only seeing the beautiful parks, plains, natural wildlife, but also meeting the people. It helps develop a real feel for our country." ...**John G. "Red" Barmby** writes: "I am enjoying my second year of self-employment. That's a euphemism for writing proposals to various potential clients. It does offer an opportunity to get acquainted with my new computer system, including the CD-ROM and color printer. It prints elegant contract reports." He has been to several events at Wolf Trap, has toured the Virginia and Pennsylvania battlefields, visited museums in Richmond and Baltimore, and stayed a few days in the Amish country. The only "major" trip was to the Palo Duro Canyon in Texas. First grandchild: Julia Scott Barmby. ...**John T. Jensen Jr.** (6341 Hibbling Ave., Springfield, VA 22150) and his wife, Pauline, have spent the last several winters in Vero Beach, Fla. Their warm seasons are spent playing golf in Springfield with senior citizen groups. The Jensens have been to Europe several times and the West Coast and the Canadian Rockies once each. ...**Bill Desmond** had surgery from which he recovered slowly. Wife Kelly (Delong) '46 smashed an ankle and knee while skiing in Cortina, Italy. "We just celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary. I can't believe that it was 50 years ago that I first saw her on campus. Kelly is an inspiration to all the family, especially to our children and grandchildren." Bill says they hope to be at the 50th.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles A. Brown (Elizabeth Broadbent), 625 Cedar Lane, Villanova, PA 19085, and David Stebbins, 5 Brennan Drive, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.*

Jim '43 and **Dorothy Brown Clark** continue to enjoy Alumni College at Bread Loaf over Labor Day weekend. "The classes are stimulating and well presented, the participants are great, and the food superb!" They encourage us to join them at future sessions. They are further discovering that Elderhostels afford wonderful opportunities for short vacations, good courses and pleasant participation. ...Dick and **Winifred Witzigman Ballou** took two trips last summer—one to Nova Scotia and the other to Alaska. They highly recommend both destinations to those of us who haven't yet enjoyed them. ...Ed and **Jeanne Chatfield Addison** are also enjoying Elderhostel vacations. Jeanne continues to tutor illiterate adults, in addition to helping Ed with his involvement in the Montgomery County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society. Jeanne is vice president of the women's group at their church and is a member of the bell choir. The Addisons have four grandchildren, three living next door and one a distant five miles away. The kids' activities, along with aerobics and line dancing, provide Jean with all she needs in the way of a fitness program. ...**Cathy Perrins Robertson**, another Pennsylvanian, sees **Jeanne** occasionally. Cathy is now retired after an interesting career as a "full time temp," working as an executive secretary in various area companies, picking up a variety of new skills along the way. She has a grandchild in Maryland and one in Minnesota. She enjoys folk dancing, particularly English country dancing, and is active with the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship. Our 50th Reunion is a hopeful possibility. ...**Mary Whitney Cassedy** spent the decade of the '80s teaching English at Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire. For the last two years she has been "semi-retired," teaching once or twice a week at Community College of Vermont. She still loves horseback riding on her 25 acres with barn and pasture in Plainfield, N.H., where she keeps her four horses. Mary is also a summertime archaeologist, an interest she picked up from her son, a professional archaeologist living in North Carolina with her two grandchildren. She also has three daughters, two of whom are teachers and one who is working for John Hancock. Mary says, "It's not a long trip to Middlebury and I hope to be there for our 50th." ...**Charlie Proctor**, who retired two years ago as vice president for corporate communications at National Data Corp. in Atlanta, now works with his wife in their Meeting Planning Consulting Co. The Proctors have a son and four grandchildren in West Chester, Pa., where the son's law firm is located. Their daughter is a nurse living a little closer to home in Tampa, Fla. Although it's a long haul to Middlebury, it is doable and the Proctors hope to join us in '94. ...**Dave** and Evelyn Wheeler '39 **Stagg** are both retired. Evelyn chose not to run again in the last Vermont State Legislature election, allowing them to spend the winter in Naples, Fla., to see if they like it enough to spend more time there. Dave is still sailing his Lightning on Lake Bomoseen which will always be home to them for a large part of the year. He is active, however, with the Rotary Clubs in both locations. The Staggs have three daughters and three grandchildren: a granddaughter Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Duke, a grandson in his junior year at Northwestern, and a granddaughter who is "14, going on 30." It's a short drive to Middlebury from Bomoseen, so we should see them at our 50th. ...When we talked to **Lorraine Guernsey Schrader** she had just returned home to Pittsfield, Mass., from visiting her twin sister, **Kathryn Guernsey Smith** in Windsor, Conn. Both have retired from teaching careers, in Pittsfield and Windsor respectively. Lorraine maintained the family twins tradition with twin sons, but Kathy has twice as many grandchildren (4). Lorraine enjoys golf, bridge and the malls. She occasionally bumps into Pete Nikitas '43, who also lives in Pittsfield. ...Our *Philadelphia Inquirer* recently carried a picture of the February graduates in caps and gowns on skis. Although no skis were involved in '44, we believe our class was the first to graduate part of the group in February.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Winslow Wetherbee, Jr. (Barbara Boyden), 1642 18th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223, and Alan Wolfley, 22 Canaan Close, New Canaan, CT 06840.*

Richard and **Janet Kemp Doell** should be back on their sailing ship, *Muav*, by now. Last year Janet, Richard and Shirley, Richard's daughter, spent the summer on *Muav* in northern Europe—England, Ireland, Scotland, the Hebrides, the Shetlands, Norway, Spain and Portugal. They left the boat in Vilamoura, Portugal, and flew home to touch base with family and wait for the

optimum time (November and December) to cross the southern North Atlantic. However, while they were in Alaska visiting grandchildren, Richard had a serious attack of cellulitis, which prevented them from returning to *Muav* at the appointed time. Shirley and two friends brought the boat across. Richard is now healthy once more and he and Janet were to rejoin the boat in the Caribbean early in 1992. Kempy says that June of '92 should see them sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge and across the Bay to Pt. Richmond. ...**Wink Bunce Clements** writes that her baby, Julie, presented them with the eighth grandchild when Connor Daniel Reagan was born on September 6, 1991. This evens the grandchild score at four boys and four girls. Wink and Dan live in Pensacola, Fla., just off I-10 and would love to see any of you if you are passing that way. ...Congratulations are in order. **Jane Cline Finley** is now **Jane Cline Laros**. Jane and James A. Laros were married on September 28, 1991. They are living in the Poconos in Reeders, Pa. Some of you will remember Jim who came to our 45th Reunion with Jane. Jane is adjusting to life in the country after many years in an urban area. New address: P.O. Box 237, Reeders, PA 18352. ...**Char Hickcox** had a trip to Tucson last year and a more recent trip to Maine to celebrate a friend's birthday and check out L.L. Bean. She is now working as a tax aide for the AARP, preparing federal and state taxes for the elderly. ...Win and **Baba Boyden Wetherbee** enjoyed a 10-day windjammer trip in January aboard the schooner *Roseway* in the Virgin Islands. They enjoyed the marvelous sailing, lots of swimming, snorkeling, eating and exploring small islands and out-of-the-way spots. ...Our sympathy goes out to **Kay Holbrook Nicol**, son Andrew and daughter Heather, on the loss of their husband and father, Lt. Col. Stuart A. Nicol, in 1991. Stuart had waged a 12-year battle against lymphoma. In a recent note to **Dottie Laux O'Brien**, Kay regretted that she and Stuart never got to another "grupo" event (an annual summer reunion of '45ers at the Vermont getaway of Rick and **Betty Hatcher Hruby** in Middletown Springs, Vt.). "He rather enjoyed the wacky women of Middlebury, as well as their husbands," Kay wrote, adding that she continues part time—often hectic—work at her church and tries not to miss her weekly Tai-Chi class.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald T. Means (Mary Nasmith), 3414 Miller Heights Road, Oakton, VA 22124, and Sheila Schmidt (Hamilton) Rowland, 1152 East St., Southington, CT 06489.*

In early October, Sheldon and **Phyl Hewson Evans**, Louis and **Nancy Rathgeb Smith** and Roger and **Gloria Antolini Keyser** met at Mohonk House in New York state for a mini-Midd reunion. Gloria reports, "We gathered for coffee at the Smith home in Highland, N.Y., and from there moved on to Mohonk. We had a glorious afternoon of exchanging news over lunch and on the Mohonk House veranda, which afforded a spectacular autumn view—wonderfully reminiscent of autumn days at Midd." ...**Winifred White Nucho** and her husband recently returned Stateside (4112 N. 27th St., Arlington, VA 22207) from the Middle East. Winifred was working as a nurse and her husband as a doctor at the Hamlin Hospital in Hammana, Lebanon. Winifred must have some very interesting tales to tell of that experience which I hope she will share with us in a future letter. ...B.J. and **Margaret Hood Kennedy** report as proud grandparents of another granddaughter to son Scott and wife Carol in Rochester, N.Y. The new addition to the Kennedy family is named Rose. Muckie says, "We suggest that she move to Massachusetts and run for president." Muckie and family attended a big birthday bash for her sister Teddy (Dorothy Hood Bittmann) '43 in Cincinnati, where Teddy's offspring with spouses and grandchildren made it a hilarious occasion. ...Lester and **Helen Parker Bunker**, who live in vacationland (Bar Harbor on Mount Desert Island) all year, feel little inclination to leave their gorgeous surroundings in Maine for extensive trips elsewhere. They did drive to Vermont in foliage season to check on the four acres they own on a hilltop in Tunbridge and discovered the neighbor's cows using the Bunker acres as pastureland. Helen writes about the wonderful enjoyment of visits from their two-year-old granddaughter, Elizabeth. ...Roy and **Fran Tenny Coombs** traveled up and down the entire East Coast last year, beginning with a Coombs family gathering in Rockport. From there they drove to the Maritimes, encompassing a drive of 3,500 miles. Last fall saw them enjoying the colorful scenery of the Finger Lakes Region of New York, where they enjoyed a day's visit to the fascinating Corning Glass Museum. They escaped New Jersey's winter weather by heading for their condo in Venice, Fla. Home in New Jersey, Fran continues her active involvement with the Presbytery, returning to committee work with candidates seeking ordination. ...Lew and **Jean Luckhardt Robbins** report an adventurous oldest grandson who is taking his junior year from Wesleyan at the Univ. of Irbzutsk in Siberia. (Hope he managed to keep warm enough and was fed enough.) Lucky continues with her project of raising money to add on to the Riverton Library. ...News from the Neal and **Cindy Darby Westmoreland** household entails accounts of another busy year as they traveled through much of the U.S.A. Not only did they *host* an Elderhostel in Highland, N.C., but they attended two others. Last October brought them a nice surprise visit from **Becky Fraser Cremer** and her brother Dean. They enjoyed a great day of "sightseeing, gabbing and giggling." The next day son Rick and Janet arrived from Germany with their five (under 9-1/2) and Cindy met, for the first time, her youngest and ninth grandchild, Barrett David, born in Zweibruecken. All the Westmoreland clan came for the weekend, which must have been wild but wonderful. ...Clif and **Jane Drury MacLeod** still enjoy the Clan MacLeod Association, "which provides kinship and may shed light on genealogy." Jane and Clif continue to work with the Red Cross bloodmobiles and the college volunteers. They had two new grandchildren born with problems (one with viral meningitis at two weeks, one two months premature), but both recovered beautifully. As Jane writes, "Thank the Lord for these two boons." We rejoice with you, as we can well imagine how worried everyone was until the babies were out of danger. ...**Eileen Luz Johnston** has delved into the realm of the supernatural. Serving as a volunteer in the Historic Room of the Barnardsville Public Library, Eileen came upon a bulging file about Phyllis, the Library Ghost, and compiled the fascinating story of the specter in the stacks. Eileen authored a book, *Phyllis—The Library Ghost?*, which relates the story of Phyllis Parker who went mad after her lover, a spy during the Revolutionary War, was hanged. The "uncommonly pretty" Phyllis helped out her father, Captain Parker, in the Vealtown Tavern (now the Barnardsville Public Library). When the dead spy's coffin was brought to the Vealtown Tavern, Phyllis was not told by her father that the spy was the handsome Doctor Byram to whom she was betrothed. During the night, sounds of hammering and rending of boards followed by bone-chilling shrieks awakened those in the tavern. There, beside the open coffin, they saw "the wild eyes of Phyllis with the light of reason gone from them forever." Phyllis is reputed to have appeared now and again to folks as diverse as a retired police chief, a teenage library helper and a small child who had never heard the story of the library ghost. On a cold January night in 1877, the ghost appeared to the then-mistress of the house who, alone with her baby, heard the marching footsteps of soldiers and a loud noise, like the sound of a box being dropped on the floor, hammering, sounds of wood being ripped and a woman's scream. Luz herself has not encountered the ghost of Phyllis but is not disbelieving of what other people say. What a story! Keep us posted on any more sightings. Eileen has also written a booklet on Stronghold, the Victorian mansion which is used as part of Gill/St. Bernard's School. She has also worked, along with the Historical Society, on an update of the history of the Presbyterian Church. ...Late last fall we enjoyed another of Per and **Mary Jane Selleck Hellekjaer**'s dinner parties in their antique- and art-filled Bethesda home while **Bette Royce** was visiting them. Roycie had come to Washington to see the marvelous exhibit about Columbus. Roycie looks *great*, just the same and pretty and peppy as always, full of enthusiasm for her many interests, of which archaeology is of paramount importance. She told us of the Honduras digs, dating from 700 A.D., where she worked last summer. She also traveled to Spain last summer visiting, among other places, Estremadura, the province from whence the Conquistadors came. She *promises* to come to our big 50th Reunion, four years from now. She has lunched with **Ann Argyle Lerew** in Golden, Colo. Ann and her hubby own a condo at Dillon, Colo., and manage to ski regularly. ...On a sad note, for those who may not have heard, our sympathy goes to brave **Chris Becker Hutchinson**, who lost her Dave last December. Chris asked me to convey to her Middlebury friends her "many thanks to all '46ers who heard about Hutch's death and either wrote a note and/or passed the news along. It wasn't an easy time, especially having happened right before Christmas (December 4). According to our original plans, we still had all three children AND their families here for the holidays. It was actually fun, with ages of the grandchildren ranging from a 14-year-old on down. Also it kind of put Dave's death in perspective—we all go through 'stages' and I guess this is one of them. In case you didn't know, Hutch discovered he had cancer of the pancreas at Midd when he turned jaundiced at our 45th. He put up a good fight—what more can I say?" ...I am sorry to have to relate still further sad news. We also lost our classmate **Betsy Branch** who died on January 9, 1992. ...We have received new addresses for **Barbara Snow Cassedy** (15101 Interlachen Drive, #512, Silver Spring, MD 20906), **Edward Cooperstein** (6 Janet Road, #5, South Easton, MA 02375), **Reginald P. Goddard** (P.O. Box 185, Fair Haven, VT 05743), **Doris Smith Earnshaw (O'Connor)**, (Univ. of California, 922 Sproul Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720), **Diana Terry** (Hardy Peal Rawlings Werner, 500 5th Ave., New York, NY 10110) and **Marjory Harrison Tiger** (50 Harrison Road, Centerville, MA 02632).

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Class Secretaries: Joanne Buckeridge Booth and Rev. George H. Booth, 3515 N. Washington Blvd., #401, Arlington, VA 22201.

"In the spring an old grad's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of Midd." By the time you read this column a goodly number of us will have made our 45th Reunion a joyful memory. The Reunion Newsletter prepared by **Betsy Hornaday Fry** will have filled you in on more than you

ever believed you needed to know about your classmates. Thanks to Betsy we have a few newsy items as we go to press in late February. ...**Phil Briggs** gets a gold star for being the first to respond to the Newsletter request, which shows how he got to be vice chairman of Metropolitan Life, with a year to go to retirement. ...**Ginny Stowell James** introduces us to two new acronyms to describe her days' activities: WROR (roar) and BA (baa). They stand for Writing, Reckoning, Organizing, Reading and for Bodily Activity (exercise, gardening). ...Others who take the time to WROR and BA include **Mary Pitz Hunt** who has climbed all 48 New Hampshire mountains over 4,000 feet; **Betty Galloway Masterson**, who is building her Vermont home designed after a railroad station to match their nearby vacation home—a Rutland Railroad car(!); and **Betsy Fry** herself, who with husband Bob has followed an Elderhostel bike tour of tulip-time in Holland with a springtime stay in Provence. ...Other movers and travelers include **(Britt) Ruth Britton Gore**, who has returned with husband Bob '49 to their Yankee roots in Peterborough, N.H.; and **Rose Hull Terrill**, who has "discovered Switzerland." ...Stay-at-homes for the time being are **Jim Brucks** in White Plains and **Liz Young Condon Anderson**, who flies the welcome flag for any classmates traveling through Lewisburg, Pa., on I-80. ...**Bobby Van Aken Smith** is about ready to travel politically. She's not been active lately since, in her words, the Republican Party has moved so far to the right that she is stranded! ...Now to keep your address books up to date, we check some who have moved more or less permanently: **Jean Mace Beswick**, c/o M.C. Terry, 3605 E. Denny, Seattle, WA 98122; **Alice Ashley Costello**, 133 W. Channel Road, #8, Santa Monica, CA 90402; **Mary Belcher Dellorusso**, Treasured Memories, 12101 Eldorado Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110; **Marjorie Williams MacDonald**, 600 Sharon Park Drive, #B107, Menlo Park, CA 94025; **Elizabeth Galloway Masterson**, RR 1, Box 542, Ludlow, VT 05149; **Phyllis Howland McIntosh**, P.O. Box 112, Point Arena, CA 95468; and **Victor M. Springer**, 1594 N. Allen, #23, Pasadena, CA 91104. ...As we write this we anticipate the many reunions, personal and corporate, that will be taking place at the end of May. We're glad you were/wish you had been there.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Benjamin L. Smith (Fran Van Cleve), P.O. Box 1307, Pahrump, NV 89041, and Stew Washburn, 60 Lakeview Place, Fairfield, CT 06430.*

Warm sun and cool breezes, a beautiful sky:
A wonderful summer, this Fourth of July.

We have zip code changes for **Ruth Caldroney Allen** (Alpine, CA 91901) and **Barbara Bedford Richards** (same address, but new town and zip—Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301). ...In Hughesville, Pa., **Janet Kohler** works at the library and visits nursing homes. She recently went to Florida and "pretty well covered Epcot Center and a few favorite places at the Magic Kingdom." She has been to New Jersey several times and has taken several hikes with the E.M. Conservancy, one of which she led to Ticklish Rock. Another trip followed "the path the Indians took to the Indians Steps and Warriors Mark where the last great battle took place between the Lenni Lenape and the Susqhehanneck Indians in 1635." ...**Julia Friend Bradley** is volunteering at Middlebury's Sheldon Museum with **Bob** and **Marya Steele Kellogg**. ...**Patricia McCabe Perkins** says she is "a born volunteer: Hospice, Porter Hospital Aux., Library, Salisbury Recycling, Outreach at St. Stephen's." Last September, she and a friend drove to Bar Harbor, Maine, and took the ferry to Nova Scotia to tour the Canadian Maritimes. She traveled to Stockton, Calif., for Amy's wedding on November 9, 1991, then continued to Seattle, across the Rockies to Chicago and home. ...Tom and **Ann (Nancy) Bushnell Taylor** have moved from Westchester County, N.Y., to the New Hampshire woods. Their first visitors were Ann's college roommate **Betty Reynolds Scherfee** and husband Jim, all the way from California. They hadn't seen each other in 40 years. ...We have received changes of address for **Alfred J. McClure** (10 Aldrich Road, East Swanzey, NH 03446), **Jean Swenson Thorkildsen** (Paul G. Schlansher DMD, 1570 Union St., Schenectady, NY 12309), **Susan McWilliams Leighton** (RR 1, Box 925A, East Stoneham, ME 04231, **Addison H. Merrick** (RR 1, Box 1290, Craftsbury Common, VT 05826), **David H.** and **Jean Semple Rollason** (911 Ocean Drive, #601, Juno Beach, FL 33408), **George T. Merritt** (39 Lackawanna Place, P.O. Box 2450, Bloomfield, NJ 07003) and **Joan (Roessle) Hatch Lennox** (N. Watson Road, Box 117, Ashfield, MA 01330). ...Volunteers are needed to take on the 45th Reunion, as I (**Fran Van Cleve Smith**) do not feel able to do it. We want to have a terrific reunion like the one **Marge Lehmann Stillman** organized for the 40th!

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Ashworth Anderson, 5431 Crestline Road, Wilmington, DE 19808 (302) 737-3403), and Bob Trimmer, 398 Fearington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312.*

Dan Muessel reports from Danvers, Mass., that he retired April 1 from Amesbury Industries, manufacturers of weather stripping and custom-made windows and doors. Dan was engineering manager for the company. Dan and wife Margie (McNair) '50 have two sons and two grandchildren. At one time, Dan did a lot of sailing on Long Island Sound. The Muessels enjoy traveling to national parks and have visited Alaska. Dan attended the Middlebury alumni meeting in Boston. He occasionally sees Ralph and Pat Cloutier Eddy, both '50, in Atlanta when he visits his mother. ...Rae and **John MacMurtry** spend their winters in Sarasota, Fla., then travel north in their motor home to Boothbay Harbor, Maine, for the summer. Golfing twice a week and sailing the New England coast in a 37-foot ketch keep John and Rae busy. John has been retired since 1985. He was secretary and executive vice president for the Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Co. The MacMurtrys have a son and a daughter. ...**Gil Myrick** worked for Mass Mutual in Springfield for 34 years and took early retirement nine years ago. Gil had been active in hiking the Long Trail and the Appalachian Trail, and skiing and snowshoeing during the winter. Gil's wife Rena has notified us that Gil became ill with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) several years ago, and is no longer able to enjoy those pursuits. Gill likes to hear the news as reported in the class notes (which Rena reads to him), and would love to receive mail from friends, classmates or fraternity brothers. His address is RFD 1, Box 70, Milbridge, ME 04658. ...**Walt Staloff** lives on 60 acres in Ava, N.Y., some 60 miles from Syracuse. He admits to having led a very quiet life, working for an upstate newspaper and a state hospital. ...**Lonnie Walheim** lives in San Carlos, Calif., about 20 miles south of San Francisco. His hilltop home offers him a view of San Francisco Bay. Lonnie and his late wife, Avis, have five children (four boys and a girl) and two grandchildren. Lonnie mentioned that son Rex has been accepted into the test pilot school at Andrews Air Force Base as an aerial engineer. (Lonnie and I—**Bob Trimmer**—had a grand time comparing our experiences in WW II where we both flew in B-17 bombers.) Lonnie is president of L. Walheim Associates which serves as a manufacturer's rep in the marketing of machine tool components. He skis at Squaw Valley and Heavenly Valley and collects antique clocks and watches. He travels extensively and spent three weeks in the fall of 1990 visiting Nepal, Katmandu and Bangkok. ...Another upstater, **Crandall Melvin Jr.**, and wife Kathleen work for the Melvin Law Firm in North Syracuse, N.Y., specializing in estate work. Their son, Crandall Melvin III, is an accountant in Alaska. ...When I called **Joel Lamere**, he was babysitting with his five-year-old granddaughter in North Hyde Park, Vt. (north of Stowe). Joel lives on a 40-acre farm complete with tractor, beaver pond and cross-country ski trails. He retired in 1989 after a career in tax accounting. Joel and wife Bambi (Sylvia Ellsworth) '50 often get together with Bruce '51 and Peg Stearns Burdett '50 and Irv and Cathy Pell Meeker, both '50. Bambi was recently elected to the school board and is personnel director for a nearby hospital. The Lameres have three children and three grandchildren. ...**Irene Ulmer Boublik** has a new phone number: 703-893-1680. Her address in the directory should read apartment number 522 (not 52). In August 1991 she spent a week in Lawrence, Kans., with **Lee Cunniff Ketzel**. They were entertained royally by Phil '50 and Sue Cooke Turnbull '48. In January 1992, Prof. Pardon Tillinghast came to Washington, D.C., to see the Christopher Columbus exhibit at the National Gallery of Art. Irene honored him at a dinner which she prepared in her home. The exciting party included Tor and Dorothy "Dag" Gilligan Eide '51 and George and Connie Sherman Patrick '53. ...**Alice "Hotch" Hardie** enjoyed the 1990 Alumni College, particularly the opportunity to socialize with students from Russia. They had flown to America from Moscow the day before coming to Bread Loaf for an introductory program. After an orientation to the States, they departed for colleges all over our country under full scholarship. This program was developed by former Middlebury President Olin Robison. ...**Doris Queren Oddsen** is a part-time travel agent. She and husband Gus, owner of Reliable Machine Works, a tool and die company, plan to retire in 1993 and move to the vacation home they built in 1982 in Waitsfield, Vt. Doris has been active in AAUW ever since 1973 and has served as recording secretary. She belongs to the Locust Valley Garden Club and the Locust Valley Woman's Club. She served as president of the Garden City Ski Club for two years and was manager of their ski lodge at Mad River Glen for four years. They have earned "Nonstop-no fall" pins—she the gold and Gus the bronze. Every year, Doris and Gus do some foreign travel. In 1991, they stayed on the North American continent visiting Mexico, Northwest U.S. and British Columbia. They are looking forward to the next winter Olympics in Norway. Their only child, Susan '90, who majored in environmental studies, lives in Waitsfield and works summers at Denali National Park in Alaska. Doris keeps in touch with **Cleone Jones Sporborg, "Deanie" (Betty) Dean Custer, Rachel Adkins Platt** and **"Buzz" Meyers White**. ...**Sue Hill Rogers** has been running Cassidy Pharmacy in Newburgh, N.Y., since her husband died 14 years ago. She enjoys meeting people and does not plan to retire for a couple of years. In 1986 she married Howard Rogers and they frequently get

away on weekends. Summer weekends find them at their camp on a nearby lake entertaining family. Her two sons and daughter live in the area. She has three granddaughters and one grandson. In 1991, the Rogers enjoyed Arizona with its beautiful canyons and Lake Powell. Plans for 1992 were not definite but they were considering the Canadian Rockies or Colorado. Sue sees **Liz Andrews Woodbury** at least once every year and keeps in touch with **Bunny Bean Wilkins** and **Ruthie Grotz Hoegberg**, whose daughter, Sue Hoegberg '76 graduated with Sue Rogers' daughter, Barbara Gustafson Tudor '76. ...Like many of her classmates, **Elizabeth Van Splinter Thomson** married, reared her children (four) and entered the work world when the children were grown. Her three daughters live in lower New York state, north Jersey and Salt Lake City; her son lives outside Chicago. There are five grandchildren. Liz is divorced and, for the past 11 years, has worked for the Waldick Travel Agency. In summer 1991 she took her four adult children and available spouses on an Alaskan cruise, finding the weather satisfactory except for snow on July 3. Liz went to California to visit **Jean Caldwell Ferrell** in September to be one of the fans of the Ferrell family in a triathlon. Jean's husband rode the bicycle, her son ran, and her daughter-in-law substituted for Jean in the swimming event. They came in third in their age group! Jean and Liz got together again in October 1991 when Jean came to New Jersey to visit her father for his 95th birthday. ...In January '92, the **Wright** brothers had their first gathering in seven years. Dan '55 and **Spence** converged in Florida to visit Chuck '50. While there they played bridge with former physics Prof. Swett's daughter, Eleanor Swett Walters, and **Hank Caswell**'s widow, Sally.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert Kingsland (Elly Flett), Foster Hill Road, West Brookfield, MA 01585, and Mrs. F. R. Young (Anna Sherwood), 24 Whitehall Ave., Edison, NJ 08820.*

Congratulations to **Faye George Berube** on her recent award for more than 30 years of distinguished public service to the blind in Massachusetts. In a recent ceremony at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Gov. William Weld presented Faye with a Governor's Award for Excellence as an outstanding teacher, innovative leader and tireless advocate for the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. Faye was "on the road" as a teacher for 19 years, working primarily with adults in their homes, teaching them daily living and independence-giving skills. She is currently a supervisor of the Rehabilitation Teaching Program in the New Bedford office of the Commission for the Blind. Cheers to you, Faye! She and Ed, who make their home in Fall River, have two children. Their daughter and 4-1/2-year-old granddaughter presently live with them; a son, a lt. commander in the Navy, lives in Washington, D.C., with grandchild #2. Like others, Faye and Ed are "talking about" retiring, and have been scouting the Middlebury area for retirement property. ...When **Jackie Brooks Davison** visited Greece for two weeks last October, she found that the islands lived up to their "picture-postcard reputations with brilliant sunshine, bright blue sky and water, and sparkling white buildings perched at the edges of the sea." She found Athens to be "terribly polluted, overwhelmed by traffic and crazy drivers," but the people were friendly and many of the young people speak very good English. ...Tom and **Ginny Hardy Moser** have made numerous trips back to Midd since June '90, when they decided they'd like to retire there. "It has been a frustrating search, but our resolve increases with each visit. At this writing (November) we anticipate owning 15 beautiful acres in Cornwall by next spring." They are grateful to **Carol Carlton Hentz** for frequently giving them a "home away from home and much encouragement." ...We regret to tell you of the death of **Peggy Gordon Raines** on September 19, 1991, in Columbus, Ohio. ...The College has also reported to us the death on January 16, 1992, of **Hammond Ladd Jr.** We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family. ...We found a letter from **Bernard Z. Friedlander** to the editor of *The New York Times Magazine* of January 19, 1992, in which he describes the process of persuading his horse to submit to being "fitted ... out with bit, belts and buckles for a splendid day in the forest" and muses on the "co-evolutionary deal" between man and beast. ...**Dex** and Norma Hosford '51 **Whittinghill** have celebrated a number of milestones during the past year or so: Norma's 40th Reunion at Midd, a landmark birthday for Dex, and the Whittinghills' 40th anniversary. They saw **Jack** and Mary Hench '51 **Henty** in Charleston, S.C., March 31-April 1 and "had a fine time." Dex and Norma were "treated to some long, tough and beautiful [golf] courses in NC, SC, GA, FL and NY" in their extensive East Coast travels during five weeks of March and April 1991.

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Class Secretaries: *Helen (Reid) and John Gilmore, 128 Bungalow Ave., Greenfield, MA 01301.*

Barbara Glenn Pempel is still living in Big Canoe in the Mountains of north Georgia. She and her husband also spend some time at their condominium in Ormond Beach, Fla., where they see daughter Amy, who has left Turner Broadcasting and is now working with Sunshine Network in Orlando. "How about those Braves?" asks Barbara. ...**Lynne Rask Bowman** reports that an interlude of nine weeks last summer allowed a knee replacement operation to heal and that she is now back at work. She has a nun from the Order of the Sisters of St. Mary's as a housemate. After retiring from nursing, Lynne trained in the Laubach method of teaching English as a second language. She says that it is difficult, but very rewarding. ...Look for the Heather Evans name in the fashion pages. **Gretchen Storer Evans** (3151 S. Josephine, Denver, CO 80210) has designed a new type of dance skirt allowing ballerinas great flexibility of movement. She's applying for a design patent. Gretchen takes trips to see eldest daughter Ann, who plays Aldanza in *Man of La Mancha*, and to Savannah where second daughter Lisa is a captain in the Army Medical Corps. Lisa came within inches of being sent to Saudi Arabia. Scott, the youngest, is in his second year of West Virginia Law School. ...**Gretchen Deckelman McCombs**'s husband, Al, is president of the California Press Association which has brought them together for mini-reunions with **Seely** and **Anne Moreau Thomas** at national newspaper meetings on both coasts. The McCombs are involved in a community theater group and a children's theater as well. Their son, William, is a motor officer for the Chino, Calif., Police Department. Gretchen is now retired from teaching at the Cabrillo School where she was part of a group that piloted the resource specialist program for children with learning disabilities. Upon her retirement Gretchen received a commendation from the Chino School Board and was presented with a senate resolution from Senator Ayala for her contribution to education and to her community. When we spoke with Gretchen she and Al were on their way to their A-frame in the San Bernardino mountains—their escape for relieving stress. Gretchen communicates regularly with **Lynn Werner Larson**. Lynn's husband, Bill '49, is an attorney in Buffalo, N.Y. ...**Joan Allen Armour** reports that husband Norm '53 has left the Connecticut Bank and Trust and has formed a new asset management company. Joan and Norm took a cruise last summer and spent two weeks last winter skiing in Denver where one of their children lives. ...**Bill Tracy** is enjoying his second year of retirement after serving as president of the Tracy Driscoll Insurance Agency. He and wife Ann (Whiteley) '53 are enjoying their five grandchildren. All of their children live within seven miles of Bristol, Conn. For them retirement includes lots of golf and training a boodle of poodles. They take their dogs to obedience schools and to shows throughout New England and New York. ...Although **Marshall Figgatt** is retired, **Sallie (Ileff)** is still hard at work with the Hilton Head Travel Agency. Sallie has traveled on familiarization trips to New Zealand, Argentina and Chile. In our interesting phone chat, Marshall also reported that they visit their cottage in Algave, Portugal, every March. Their son, Tom, who was a Baker Scholar at Harvard Business School (class of 1977), works in New Haven. He and his wife, Bonnie, have two children. Son Bruce and his wife, Charlot, have two sons and a daughter in West Chester, Pa. Son Alan is with Scopes Electronics in Reston, Va. The Figgatts were sorry to have missed the 40th and will make every effort to be at the 45th. ...**Mike Hunt** is still active in the real estate development business. His firm, Myron M. Hunt, Inc., developed the Centre and the Village Court in Middlebury, Vt. Two sons have joined him in business. His older son, Andy, graduated from the Chicago Business School in 1975. When Mike was in Portland, Maine, recently he visited with **Parker Poole**. He also saw **Bob Bigelow** who has moved to Venice, Fla. Bob has two sons-in-law who replaced him in the Rutland Plywood Co. Bob and Jeanne get to Vermont only once a year to visit their summer camp in Newport on Lake Memphremagog. ...**Len Inskip**'s career as a journalist for the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* has taken him all over the world. In 1969 he was in Asia to set up a temporary newspaper bureau to study conditions in Vietnam. In 1970 he went to the Philippines and to Japan to study U.S.-Japan trade relations. Again, in 1975, through the efforts of then- Senator Mondale, he traveled to the Soviet Union with a group of editors from his newspaper to pursue economic and trade issues. As the business climate there showed signs of opening up, Honeywell took an interest and paved the way for Len to travel to Kiev, Moscow and Leningrad. Living conditions at that

Faye George Berube '50 has been a teacher, counselor and role model for the blind for more than three decades, working in conjunction with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. On October 10, 1991, she received congratulations from David Forsberg, Secretary of Human Services, for her Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service. Faye has worked for the Commission as a rehabilitation supervisor and teacher of daily living skills, helping to enable blind persons to live independent lives.

time were just as difficult as they are today. Len remembers that he and his associates frequently "borrowed" rolls from the breakfast table, since there was nowhere in Moscow to have lunch. Len and his wife reside in the Minneapolis area, as do their three grown children. He sees George Conomikes '50 occasionally when George is in Minneapolis presenting seminars on medical issues and gathering material for a newsletter he publishes. Len also remembers seeing **Will Jackson** 20 years ago when Will was traveling through Minnesota. ...**Ken Carle**'s oldest son, Robert, is teaching theology at Chinese Union in Hong Kong. Their daughter, Sigrid, is getting her Ph.D. in plant genetics at Florida State. Their youngest, Sandy, teaches third grade in St. Mary's county in Maryland. ...**Phyllis Cole Deming** has moved her bookstore to larger quarters and no longer has to contend with claustrophobic buyers and can now, in her usual good humor, encourage browsers. **Bill Deming** is still excited about being an entrepreneur. Being a locksmith, his van is his main office. He travels Middlebury and all of Addison County, solving lock problems. Some of his interesting cases, according to Phyllis, include creating keys for antiques and old office furniture. Bill attends regular seminars to keep up to date. He finds that with the newer burglar-proof automobiles, the locksmith job becomes more complicated, devising coathooks with lights. Phyl and Bill still take their usual Cape Cod vacations and from their conversations, retirement is not in the near future. The Deming family is scattered around Lake Champlain. Bruce is manager of the Shelburne Shipyard and has three children. Peg is retired from social work and has two children in South Burlington. Tracey, who lives in Winooski, is executive assistant of the headquarters of the Morgan Horse Farm. Cyd manages the Colonial Deli-Mart on Mallets Bay in Colchester, Vt. ...We visited with **Joan Thomas Washburn** in her galleries on 57th Street in NYC the weekend of February 1. Joan missed the reunion as she was involved in client shows in Texas and New York. Joan's husband, Alan, having retired after 31 years of writing for Time, Inc., is now financial manager for the Washburn Galleries. Joan and Alan have two children, now 27 and 31.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert Francoeur (Mary Halsted), 456 Gurney, Lake Bluff, IL 60044, and Al Mutti, 57 Crooked Trail Road, Rowayton, CT 06853.*

After 35 years with Goodyear, **Bruce Curtis** is now retired. He is still living in Windsor, Vt., where he manages the local golf club during the summer months. He asked about **Bruce "Sam" Wilson** who is still in Weare, N.H., where he has been for many years. ...**Chuck Lauer** says that **Bill Cronin** is enjoying retirement very much and playing a lot of golf. Chuck has seen Roger Gibson '53 and also asked the whereabouts of **Dick Godfrey** and **Brian Smith**, both of whom we have been unable to locate. ...**Frank Churchill** recently returned from a trip to New Orleans, Ft. Myers and Sarasota, where he visited friends. A Texaco distributor for many years, he has retired but is still living in Middlebury. He has perfected the art of dieting, having recently lost 50 pounds. ...**John Foley** is living in Rutland after retiring from Sherwin Williams after 25 years. He plays golf at the Proctor-Pittsford Golf Club and enjoys ice fishing during the winter months. He is active in the Elks and travels to Fairfield, Conn., occasionally, to see his grandchild. His son is a pharmacist there. ...Linda and **John Bowker** have arrived at their retirement destination in Sun City Center, Fla., and are very happy there. ...**Alan Gussow** was teaching at the Univ. of California in Santa Cruz during the spring semester and then was going to Israel where his wife was giving a speech. As the designer of our new class banner, Alan's efforts are greatly appreciated. ...Dr. **George Sperry**, who has been recovering from his second coronary, has returned to his medical practice. Best wishes for a continuing good recovery, George. ...Still enjoying life in Aspen, Colo., after 32 years there, **King Woodward** is occasionally in touch with Dr. **Bob Martin** who is still in the practice of medicine in the Hartford area. ...**Bud Barrett** has retired from the law firm he had been with for over 30 years, but he is still practicing law in Westchester County, N.Y. ...**Dick Eddy** spent the month of February at his condo at The Landings in Savannah, Ga., where he was visited by Diana and Bob Kelly '53 of Burlington, Vt. ...**George Gleason** and wife Gloria spent the month of February in Montserrat, West Indies. They enjoyed it so much they will be going back next year for three months. ...**Ray Ablondi** recently saw **Bill Huey** in Hilton Head where Bill spends much of his time when not back in Indiana at his life insurance firm. Bill works primarily in estate planning for owners of closely held businesses and in installing executive benefits such as deferred compensation programs. Bill's career was recently featured in an article in the *Indianapolis Business Journal*. ...**Bill Trask** has announced his early retirement at WPI, effective June 1992, after 34 years as director of placement. ...**Jeanne DuVall** is retiring after 35 years of teaching all over the world. Her new address is 14 Crosby St., Great Barrington, MA 01230. ...Bill and **Rosemary Dellinger Garner** have taken an apartment in Paris where they are studying at the American University. ...**Marty Peck Burgess** will be in France at about the same time. Marty is teaching middle school children from the inner city (Washington, D.C.) a bit about how they learn as part of her project for her doctoral degree. ...**Al Hildreth Rand** has been coping with the challenges of the real estate business. ...**Peg Lewis West** has been "parenting parents." Ditto goes for **Ann Perry Dixon, Mary Lou McLeod Aagaard** and me (**Mary Halstead Francoeur**—as much as my mother will allow it)—and probably many more of us. Perhaps we should be networking. ...**Lee McGowan Allison**, now happily retired, is planning a two-week trip to Idaho for hiking and rafting. ...Henry and **Marian Olds Precht** have led two trips abroad for the Cleveland Council of World Affairs. They went to Egypt in 1990 and Turkey in 1991. ...**Betsy Pierce Edson** is retiring from the ministry in June. Last spring she went to Nicaragua and El Salvador with the Center for Global Education. There seems to be a pattern of wanderlust—it's very infectious.

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Class Secretary: *Mr. Robert C. Kelly, 7 Governors Lane, Shelburne, VT 05482.*

It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of **Mary Jane Hancock Morrissey** on March 19, 1992. Mary Jane was an artist who lived in Chappaqua, N.Y., at the time of her death. The news came from her good friend **Ann Colman Zehner**. I called Ann to see if she would help me with this column. She was leaving soon for the West Coast where she will visit **Louise Limbach Spangler**. Louise owns a business called Uncommon Threads, so I imagine that the two of them will exchange some yarns. ...I'm glad the nice letter from **Dot Gill Bramley** came just too late to make the last column, as I need news badly for this one! Dot does volunteer work at the library and church and spends time at her garden and bridge clubs. **Ed** is senior systems analyst for the state of Rhode Island. Their oldest son, Harry, graduated cum laude from St. Lawrence in May. An outstanding baseball player at S.U., Harry was named outstanding senior scholar/athlete. He is now in his first year at medical school in Philadelphia. (I'm going to miss my annual visits with Ed at the UVM-St. Lawrence baseball games, now that Harry has graduated.) Middle son Ted is a perennial lifeguard at Hyannis on Cape Cod. Baby Bill is a sophomore at St. Lawrence where he is majoring in economics and government (two unrelated subjects?). The Bramleys spend their summers on the Cape. ...Diana and I enjoyed watching the UVM women's basketball team last winter. They were the only Division I team in the country, men or women, to complete an undefeated season, finishing 29-0 before losing by one point to George Washington in the NCAA tournament. Our son, Andrew, is a sophomore at Babson this year and Scott is a freshman at Springfield College. At this writing he is playing at the number two spot on the varsity tennis team which is dominated by freshmen. ...News solicitation has been done less frequently by the College over the last year, which is why I have written about so few classmates. If you want the Class of '53 column to continue, you must send news! Please write today!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Peter B. Marshall (Cecily Mattocks), 290 Goodale St., West Boylston, MA 01583, and Peter L. Simonson, 105 Lower Flying Pt. Road, Freeport, ME 04032.*

Nick Miller reports that he has recently recruited 12 new class agents for '54—evidence that the class is alive and well and still reimbursing Middlebury with affection. Nick and wife Gisele are enjoying his retirement with trips to Vancouver Island, St. Thomas and, most recently, to Florence, Italy. ...Joanne and **Norman Kittel** have granted permission to the state of Oregon to build a one-half mile section of the Oregon Coast Trail over their property south of Yachats. This trail is a footpath running along the Oregon coast from Astoria to California. Norm is still teaching at St. Cloud, Minnesota, State Univ. Joanne is a therapist at Psychotherapeutic Resources. ...**Bob** and **Barbara Totten Perkins** spent anxious weeks while both their sons, Chris and Jeff, served during the Gulf War in the Air Force. Chris was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while leading a helicopter mission into Iraq to attempt a rescue of a downed pilot. Barbie and Perk attended the ceremony in Washington last November, combining it with a special Thanksgiving family reunion. The Perkins clan also assembled recently for the wedding of daughter Harle. Perk has decided to take down his shingle by summer. Their tentative plans include exploring the U.S. (especially warm weather spots for the winter) by motor home. ...**Karl** and **Lois Robinson Limbach** have traveled to Australia to meet their new granddaughter, Natalie Sydney Johnson. Karl has finished his year as commodore of the San Francisco Yacht Club. ...**P.K. (Priscilla Kelly) Sadler** has been enjoying a change from Massapequa, N.Y., with trips to the Grand Canyon, Key West and the Everglades. ...**Don** and **Pat Masterson Drew** say that they have moved house for the last time. They expect to spend time gardening in a newly-planted flower garden and visiting their many grandchildren. The new homestead is in Redmond, Wash. ...Ken and **Barbara Knight Moffitt** capped an African safari in Kenya with a hot air balloon ride over the Masai Mara. They advise packing pliers and a flashlight if you're headed in that direction, as some

accommodations were down scale from tents. Sons Tom and John '86 are working on the East Coast, while home for the Moffitts is Dallas. ...**Nancy Whittemore Nickerson**, an assistant vice president of the Connecticut National Bank, will soon join the ranks of the retired. She and husband Nick plan to cruise in their 36-foot, 20-year-old wooden Grand Banks trawler. Spring plans include meeting Ross and **Jaycee Cole Miller** in France. Whit mentioned hoping to see everyone at the 40th Reunion, which is what we hope all of you '54s are planning to do. ...Congratulations to **Delinda McCormick Mix** who must be in fantastic condition. She is first in the state (South Carolina) in tennis, 55 women's doubles, second in the 55 mixed doubles and third in the 55 women's singles. Those forays to the courts behind the Stu U properly covering bare legs with slickers or coats paid off, Lin! The Mixes are busy in Beaufort. Joe '53 built a fishing pier, owns a store (Island Outfitters) and the Royal Frogmore Motel. They recommend the area to fisherpeople and, of course, tennis players. ...**Leah Wallat Odden** is still teaching French in Largo, Fla. Daughter Danielle has followed in her footsteps into foreign language teaching. Son Miles is in the Navy. Leah sings in the church choir and has taken up piano again. Trips for the Oddens include visits up north to visit parents. Leah's mother, at 79, is still working in banking. ...If a prize were to be given for responding to requests for news, **Lannie Osborn Gartner** would win it. In addition to keeping track of her increasing family members, Lannie has taken on the task of Clerk of Session at her church in Sharon, Pa. She continues to be involved in AAUW and in Chamber of Commerce activities, plus she has joined a knitting guild to further her interest in that hobby. The Gartners enjoyed a business-pleasure trip to the Rhine area of Germany last November. ...**Carol Anderson Gwatkin** enjoys having two of her daughters close by (in Tiburon, Calif.), while Clair '88 is in D.C. attending Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. ...Our thanks to all of you who have returned postcards. You can pass along news any time, though, by contacting either of us at the above addresses. No copy—no column. And most of you say the class notes are the first thing you read!

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Class Secretaries: *Scotty MacGregor Gillette, 2309 E. Lake of the Isles Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55405; Junie Stringer DeCoster, 726 Linwood, St. Paul, MN 55105; and Judy Zecher Colton (Mrs. Roger), 3 Long Marsh Lane, North Oaks Farm, MN 55127.*

Babs Johnson Masters recently celebrated 15 years in the practice of law. She received her Juris Doctor from the Univ. of Conn., with honors, in 1976. When she was accepted into the Bar, she was the only female attorney in New London County. ...Alt '53 and **Joan Tolley Bassett** traveled across the U.S. in an RV with their 7-year-old pup. They visited their girls in California at Christmas. ...**Frank Gianforti**'s New Year's resolution is to attend the next Midd reunion! He writes that he and Jean will have been married for 31 years in '92. They have five children and one granddaughter. Their last, Mark, will be entering college in the fall. A highlight of '91 was attending **Win Cobb**'s surprise birthday party at **Pat Hinman Makin**'s home in Massachusetts. Happy birthday, Win! ...Guess who is still "touting my horn, downhill skiing and enjoying eight great grandchildren?" **John Prouty**. Great meaning fabulous, terrific, etc., we hope! ...**Janet Davis Newman**'s two daughters live in opposite ends of the country. She remains in New Jersey and gets together with **Nancy Grimm White** from time to time. ...**Ted Haviland** writes, "Two years ago we moved to a smaller, modern home. More recently I have become involved with AT&T's Software Defined Network, which permits businesses to purchase long distance services at a deep discount."...**Pete** and Jane Hallenbech '56 **Zecher** were babysitting (for 10 days!) their new granddaughter, Beyron Alexis, daughter of son Todd. Their daughter, Heidi, a junior at Midd, is going to Australia for a semester with the Experiment in International Living. They will be visiting her. ...**John Red Hill** has the "same job, same wife and same children," plus two grandsons, Timothy and Nathan. He says that "they are real nice guys." John expressed some unhappiness about the way fraternities have been treated recently on the Middlebury campus. He would like to know how others feel. Either drop him a line or advise us that this is an issue you would like to discuss at the reunion in 1995. ...We have received new addresses for **Helju Kivimae Batchelder** (5 River St., Lebanon, NH 03766), **Richard W. Baxter** (Box 138, 76777 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada, FL 33036), **Judie Mitchell Davies** (P.O. Box 702, New Vernon, NJ 07976), **John N. Field** (31 Nottingham Way N., Clifton Park, NY 12065), **Kathe Quarck Henry** (538 Pamela Circle, Hinsdale, IL 60521), **David M. Stone** (603 Straw Hill Road, Manchester, NH 03104) and **Robert H. Studley** (22 Seabreeze Lane, York, ME 03909).

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Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Road, St. Helena, CA 94574; Virginia Collins Emerson, 15 College Road, Wellesley, MA 02181; and Maureen Craig Seamans, 12 Pelham Road, Weston, MA 02193.*

Walter Mears was a featured speaker at the special meeting of the board of governors of the Electronic Industries Association in January 1992. The meeting, held in Kona, Hawaii, focused on the theme, "Politics and its impact on our industry." ...**Wendy Buehr Murphy** feels concern about the current state of affairs in the world and in the U.S. in particular. The Murphy family is engaged in interesting activities. Wendy is writing the corporate history of Syntex, a huge pharmaceutical company based in Palo Alto, Calif. The project will, happily, result in several trips west for Wendy. She is also under contract to the Cancer Research Institute for whom she is writing a biography of a cancer immunologist. Meanwhile, Wendy's husband, Jack, is working on a screen play. One Murphy son is a junior at Central Connecticut State Univ. and the other is a 9th grader at South Kent Preparatory School. .. Hank and **Susan (Chou) Mansfield Anthony** spent a month in Europe. After visiting friends in England and Holland, they rented a car and toured southern France. They steeped themselves in history, viewing the prehistoric cave paintings and exploring medieval towns and castles in the Dordogne Valley. Back home, Chou continues her ESL tutoring at the Univ. of California, San Diego, International Center. The Anthonys are also a host family to newly-arrived exchange students and scholars. ...**Sylvia Cosman Bailey**'s youngest graduated summa cum laude from the Univ. of Bridgeport and took a number of other honors with him. Sylvia's husband retired in June and has become a super house husband, no doubt making life a little sweeter for Sylvia who still enjoys her teaching job in the inner city. ...From Maplewood, N.J., **John Hammond** reports that he is alive, well and still working for Continental Airlines at Newark Airport. He is the customer service manager in charge of the ticket counter and baggage service, so you can go right to the top if you're ever in trouble there! John occasionally sees Lew Parker '59, who lives in the Hartford area. John keeps his residence in Denver to which he can commute on days off. ...Back home in Fredericksburg, Texas, **Diane White Matthews** enjoys the memories of our 35th Reunion and the trip through Vermont which she took with her sister, Betsey White Douglas '40. They stopped to "smell the roses" and take in the beauty of picturesque towns one usually sees only on calendars and postcards. Later in the year Diane and husband John made a grand motor tour of the Northwest and took in the spectacular scenery of the national parks. ...Since leaving teaching for high tech 10 years ago, **Maureen Craig Seamans** has had a variety of jobs on the development side of the software industry, writing documentation, running useability tests and designing user interfaces. Her career is taking a different turn with a new job as marketing support manager for Legent Corporation's application division. In the "who would have believed" category, Maureen finds herself somewhat bemused by the transition from an Am lit major who had not even seen a computer to someone responsible for interpreting the bits and bytes technologies of her company's mainframe and workstation products. She loves the challenge—and credits Middlebury with giving her the skills to change and grow. ...**Matt** and **Millie Duncan Baker** continue to run their farm in Vernon, N.J., up near the New York border. With the children off on their own and the barn emptied of their horses, Millie saw this as an opportunity to start her own boarding stable where she handles at least 10 horses at a time. It has been, and is, a successful enterprise, albeit an energy-intensive one! ...When **Phil** and **Gail Knight Derick** pulled up stakes in Needham, Mass., and moved offshore to Martha's Vineyard, they were often questioned about the loneliness of island life during the winter months. Gail reports that it's a move they are enjoying immensely, and that it's not the least lonely or boring. The year-round community comprises a lively group of people with many and varied talents to share. While Phil runs his insurance business, Gail continues to work with young people, this time in the local nursery school. She can also regale you with some wonderfully funny "grandmother stories."

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Wayne G. Reilly (Pam Clark), 1339 Biscayne Road, NW, Roanoke, VA 24019.*

By the time you read this column our 35th Reunion will have come and gone, so we will not be able to conclude with our usual exhortation to DO '92. We trust that those of you who attended had a wonderful time and we hope that everyone will mark their calendars for our (gasp) 40th in 1997. It doesn't seem possible to think in terms of being away from Midd for 40 years, but a quick recalculation indicates that the time is indeed flying by. ...It appears that the members of our class are in the midst of a number of career changes. **Frankie Hall** recently relocated to the Washington, D.C., area to take on administrative responsibilities for the Association of American Medical Colleges. She had been at the Dartmouth Medical School and we imagine that the change from Hanover to D.C. will be a dramatic one. Frankie will be director of student programs, overseeing all student affairs programs for the 126-college association. She wasted no time in touching base with our classmates, quickly spending an evening with **Lee Hall Albern** and **Gail Parsell Beckett** in Annapolis. ...**Robert Burington** reports that he officially retired from IBM as of January 31, but he continues to work on

special projects. Bob and wife Cynthia are looking forward to developing some property they own near Clemson, S.C. (Yet another Midd convert to Dixie.) ...**Gail Bliss Allen** has a new job as a contractor for NASA in California. She was planning a trip to New Orleans for a conference just prior to reunion—Midd and New Orleans strike us as a pleasant combination. ...**Derek Evans** reports two impressive events. First, his children, pre-school and kindergarten, are both taking karate lessons and, second, Derek is now a bishop in the Mormon Church. We are mightily impressed with both achievements and send the congratulations of our class to the entire family. ...We also think congratulations are in order for Peter and **Barbara Ransom Payne** who survived their third family wedding in eight months with dignity, humor and a lighter wallet. The latest celebration, for the marriage of son Charlie and Susan Griffin, took place in Aiken, S.C. Towney and **Jane Ross Ludington** and the **Reillys** were in attendance, so we can recommend South Carolina in the spring. Your secretaries continue to try to stay out of trouble. **Wayne** had a sabbatical this spring and was in London, Belfast and Dublin finishing research for a book on terrorism. **Pam (Clark)** joined him in England and we took a short vacation in Cornwall. ...A growing category of information from our classmates concerns the arrival of grandchildren. **Lee Hall Albern** became a grandmother for the first time this March. **Tim** and **Liz O'Donnell Wallace** also celebrated the birth of a new granddaughter during the winter. Spencer and **Sabra Harwood Field** managed to combine a visit with **Peggy Houck Smith** and **Barbara Ransom Payne** with a journey to see Spencer's grandson in Rhode Island. ...This will be our last column as class secretaries, as our "tour of duty" ends with reunion. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to be in touch with so many of you, since Roanoke, Va., is not a center of Middlebury activities, and we know our successors will enjoy hearing from you as well. We hope you will send them your news, for more than ever we think we have a fascinating class. If that is bragging, so be it. Our best to all.

Two of the several hundred thousand pro-choice marchers last spring in Washington, D.C., were Lucille Carpenter Freeman '58, left, and daughter Rachel Freeman '89, both of whom, in case the T-shirts didn't give them away, are involved in the Clinton for President campaign.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Roemmele Crowley, 24 Giorgetti Blvd., Rutland, VT 05701, and Joseph E. Mohbat, 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.*

Some months ago we received our computerized list of classmates and were appropriately shocked and saddened to see on the "deceased" page the name of **John Nichols**. Not having learned of his demise through the usual channels, we and the College inquired further. The most satisfying letter ever to be received by any class secretary, we're sure, begins: "I trust you didn't construct an obituary and have it published since I can assure you on the best authority that I do appear to still be alive and quite healthy, although perhaps not so physically erect or mentally alert as my wife would like me to be. I somehow suspect your files are not stuffed with letters of condolence from my classmates, as not a single one of them appears to have expressed the slightest concern that I may have slipped away to another world. 'In death, as in life, he went unnoticed.'" Writing from his home in London, where he is remarried and the father of a three-year-old daughter, John lucidly explains the premature death report: "My *father* died in April 1989, which probably resulted in 'deceased' mail being mistakenly returned to the College, since his mail was forwarded to my New York City address, which was then forwarded to the Allentown address, where my son never lived and which is actually my mother-in-law's address, from which mail was returned eventually to my New York City address, from which it was never sent to my UK address, all of which must make you sorry you ever asked." Condemned, then, to continuing life, our own Red Baron reports from London, where he has lived since 1989: "I'm still pursuing an aviation career even though the latest job for a UK company is about to terminate, due (yet again) to the sale of the aircraft. This is at least the third time this has happened to me, and I'm beginning to get the idea that it's a little awkward being a pilot without an airplane." Given his employment situation, John warns the Alumni Fund that "I'll have to remain in the 'doesn't fully appreciate what the College did for him' pile for the time being." Congratulations or condolences (We salute him for not tritely quoting Mark Twain) may be sent to John at Old House, Parsonage Road, Takely, Herts., CM22 6PU England. ...**Ken Milner** writes from Madrid: "I flew from Madrid to the States twice last summer, first to take my younger son Carlos to Culver's summer naval school in Indiana exactly 40 years after I was enrolled there; then with my wife to fetch him after visiting New England and seeing good friend Gail Spooner Elker '60 and her family in Orange, Conn. Spain is a different country from the one I found 27 years ago when I arrived here to begin an overseas assignment that changed my life. This year marks the end of the long transition from dictatorship and isolation to the Summer Olympics in Barcelona, EXPO 92 in Seville, and Madrid as Europe's cultural capital. I receive a number of letters from Middlebury students interested in working in Spain. I enjoy meeting with them and at least lunching with them, though finding work here, apart from teaching English, is very difficult. The only way is to begin with an American company in the States that has operations in Spain and then get transferred. That is the way I did it and, as I said, it changed my life, which is a very happy one." ...More hot flashes: **Rachel Cutter Bender** plays in a weekly early-music consort in the Boulder, Colo., area. "We perform in various Boulder churches to try the acoustics and atmosphere. A class at Univ. of Colorado and membership in the American Recorder Society propelled me into this delightful pastime. Try the hurdy-gurdy first as the easiest and loudest instrument!" ...**Yvonne Cosby Moody** (Spenny, to you) "co-chaired *Goodness Gracious!*, a cookbook celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church building. It debuted at a tasting party featuring recipes from the cookbook. We've also celebrated seven weddings (including daughter Marcia's) in the past eight months. I'm getting partied out!" ...**Dave Willis** reports from San Anselmo, Calif., that he and wife Pat have passed the milestone of staying in one location for 10 years—"longest ever since I began with Chevron Corp. 31 years ago." Dave, a process consultant, travels frequently to Chevron's domestic refineries and chemical plants. "We're both busy at work and watching two grandchildren. Still three in college, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel." ...Bob '54 and **Betsy Heath Gleason** have completed, in what must be record time, construction of a retreat on New Jersey's Long Beach Island. "Although neither of us will miss the myriad of decisions associated with building and furnishing a new home, which tremendously taxed our time and energies in 1991, the problems of supervising a house from a distance of 350 miles were lessened by the fact that we had a fabulous builder." Betsy now coordinates Middlebury's 50th reunions, "a side benefit of which has been the friendships I've developed with people in an older age bracket. Despite the economy, my second job in real estate has given me the pleasure of serving a number of first-time buyers who don't have to sell a home before they can take the plunge." ...John '57 and **Ginny Havighurst Middleton** were recently profiled in the weekly *Heritage Villager* of Southbury, Conn. (They also own it.) Both have served for 13 years on the village's volunteer ambulance squad, Ginny as a medical response technician, John as an emergency medical technician. ...**Joe Mohbat** has discovered an incipient wattle. Chins up, everyone! ...Start thinking about our 35th, next May. If you have ideas for activities beyond standing around comparing waistlines, it's not too early to pass them on (the ideas, not the waistlines) to **Ro** (as she lives closer to Middlebury than **Joe**).

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. William W. Locke (Noel Caseley), 1326 Stillwater Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, and Henry Pete Erbe Jr., 12 Longview Ct., Huntington, NY 11743.*

Andrew Montgomery crossed paths with three PTOs last year and submitted updates on **Bruce MacIntyre**, who is prepared to entertain anyone on his yacht in Vero Beach; **Russ Miller**, who is a recently-retired colonel with the daily decision of golf, gardening, golf or biking; and **Dean Beyer**, who is "the only guy I know who required knee surgery as a result of picking his golf ball out of a cup." ...**Dave Collin** reports that in his effort to "delay a fast-declining athletic career," he underwent arthroscopic surgery on his shoulder at Lenox Hill Hospital late last year. The surgery was performed by the N.Y. Jets medicos, Drs. Nicholas and Delaney. Last year Dave played for three softball teams between Mendham and the shore. On the venture capital scene, the robust initial public offering market has allowed one of Dave's medical technology companies to come public. Another was scheduled for January '92. ...**Paul Koumrian** recently moved to Tiverton, R.I., where he is the rector of the Holy Trinity Church. ...**Bruce Phinney** recently relocated to Chantilly, Va. ...According to a recent article featuring **Jim McGowan** (entitled "McGowans' Flowers of Evil Will Bloom Around the World"), we understand that he got as far as intermediate French at Middlebury and that he had to take the French proficiency exam twice in graduate school to pass. Despite this modest beginning, Oxford University Press, one of the world's foremost publishing houses, will soon release Jim's translation from the French of Charles Baudelaire's *Les Fleurs du Mal*. Jim's translation of 150 poems will come out in 1993 as part of a series, The World's Classics. Obviously a lot has happened to Jim, professor of English at Illinois Wesleyan Univ., between Middlebury and his publication of a world-class translation of French poetry. Being reviewed internationally, the publication will bring him a certain amount of renown. Publishing with Oxford Univer-

sity Press, he said, "is every academic's goal. That was the highest I aspired to, really." Jim, who earned a doctorate at Rutgers Univ. in New Jersey, began writing poetry in graduate school. In addition to his translation of French poetry, Jim writes his own poetry, which he describes as "personal and romantic." We include a sample below.

She Hides
by James McGowan

Propped rocks
and stones channeled or piled
are harbors for such shrinking things

(As soft in shadows
lizards, molting crabs,
the hurt and weaker of more seemly creatures
creep through secret gaps
to huddle in the coolness of the cleft.)

So silent there to be in shelter
safe
in a close cave

So dark it is
and still
and cold
She is so lonely there
within that cave, herself—
that softest rock.

Ailene Kane Rogers is the head of the science department at the National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C., teaching biology and sometimes chemistry. Her summer work as director of Science Camp at the Potomac School keeps her out of doors. Her husband, Ed, is "on the right side," as an environmental attorney, and their oldest son is a physics teacher at Phillips Academy. She says she thinks of us all often. ...**Judy Webster Bauer**, a native Seattlean after some 30 years, has been working at the Lakeside School for seven years. As the facilities coordinator she rents out campus buildings, organizes buses, is liaison for the Parents' Assoc., etc. Her husband, Dale, teaches all photography classes there and is co-dean of the upper school faculty. Both their children are in Portland, Kim as director of alumni at the Catlin-Gabel School and Chris in construction. Webby and Dale are constantly exploring the great Northwest. ...**Dorrie Landry Bonner** has been a part of the development and recent opening of the Tsongas Industrial History Center in Lowell, Mass. Offering interactive museum workshops to school groups, it has 12,000 students scheduled for this first year. Her son, Matt '91, graduated from Midd with honors and is working toward a Ph.D. in physics.

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Class Secretary: *Jean Seeler, Windmill Farm, 18 Upland Lane, Armonk, NY 10504.*

Congratulations to **Douglas Philipsen**, who has been named chief executive officer, president and a director of Rockland Trust Co. Doug will also serve as president of Independent Bank Corp., Rockland Trust's parent bank holding company. Doug brings a wealth of experience to this new position, beginning with various financial planning and analyst positions in the 1960s and early '70s, continuing with a number of executive banking positions, among them service as president and chief executive officer of Bank of New England, Worcester. It looks like Doug will be busy in this new position, as the bank has 25 locations in Plymouth and Norfolk counties in Massachusetts. ...**Art Myles** is continuing his work as a product development scientist employed at Becton Dickinson's Collaborative Biomedical Product Company, which is involved in the development of products for the "tissue culture" market. These products are sold to bio-tech companies, universities and research institutes such as N.I.H. Art also reports that son Chris, an electrical engineer, is working for a software company in California; stepson Demian Tebaldi is also in California, as a student at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts; daughter Kari is a junior at U.Mass, majoring in neuro-psychiatry. Art's wife, Angelina, shares his professional interests, as she is employed by Saragen, another bio-tech company. ...We have further word on **Judy Neese Woods**' year in Washington, D.C., where husband Bob is serving as Congressional Fellow to the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. The temporary move from Albuquerque has given Judy and Bob an opportunity to be close to son Robert, who is a sophomore at Johns Hopkins, studying international relations. Judy also reports that married daughter Lisa Gudderman is living in Austin, Texas, where her husband is getting his Ph.D. ...It seems that **Derek Peske** has moved his medical practice from the Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pa., to nearby Norvelt, where he is associated with the Norvelt Family Health Center and employed by the Latrobe Area Hospital. His new address is Norvelt Family Health Center, Rte. 981, Box 387, Norvelt, PA 15674.

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Class Secretaries: *Steve Crampton, Tarbox Road, Jericho, VT 05465, and Lee Kaufman, 161 Three Mile Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.*

Your western correspondent—**Lee Kaufman**—was not as active in contacting classmates during the winter as planned, but a telephone conversation with **Bob Braddock** revealed that Bob is still a professor at Saginaw Valley State College in Michigan. Always busy as a professor, he has also been involved in administrative matters. He indicated that the honor and prestige of most administrative jobs is in completing them! His position as director of international programs was stimulating and demanding but he, as well as the rest of the family, was greatly relieved when his stint in that position was over. Oldest son Jeremy graduated from Middlebury in '91. Younger son Nathaniel attends Carleton College in Minnesota. The head of the College Ski Patrol in our senior year reports that his downhill skiing is now very, very limited. He and wife Sarah (Howland Braddock) '62 cross-country ski to a limited extent, but Bob says that, in spite of the great ads, Boyne Mountain, Mich., does not have really enticing vertical. Although Bob hasn't seen a lot of his classmates in recent years, he noted an individual carrying a Middlebury notebook in the Office of Public Records in London several years ago. Confrontation and inquiry revealed he and Professor David Littlefield of Middlebury were doing research there at the same time. Which goes to show that Middlebury folks can run into each other in places other than beer halls. ...A call to **Bob** and **Sally Shineman Fredrickson** in Ballwin, Mo. (near St. Louis) brought the information that Bob has left the transportation department at Anheuser-Busch to work at a local freight brokering business. Bob indicated that he also does some moonlighting in an inventory control business. Sally is working as an auditor for CitiCorp Mortgage. Their oldest son, David, a 1991 graduate of Miami of Ohio, is working in an office equipment business in the St. Louis area. Daughter Karen, a high school senior, is in the enviable process of selecting a college (reportedly several acceptances had been received, but no decision had yet been made). Bob and Sally are both still very active in choir and express regret that they were not at the 30th Reunion to join in the evening songfest. Bob encourages everyone to get involved in the alumni interview process because it is extremely satisfying. He has attended local "college nights," has been involved in talking about Middlebury with parents of prospective students, and has interviewed prospective students. He finds it very exciting to talk to young people and hear about their goals and thoughts for the future. ...I recently spent a day at the Snow Bowl skiing with Howard Kelton and my oldest daughter. Since my thoughts and memories turned to days of skiing at Middlebury, I called **Sandy Bill** who lives in Tacoma, not far from the SeaTac Airport. Sandy's daughter, Katherine, a student at the Univ. of Colorado, has been in Ecuador working on a project involving the impact of elevation changes on aspects of agriculture. Sandy's fascinating job with Weyerhaeuser has taken him to Malaysia quite a bit and now he is very active in the Weyerhaeuser operation in Russia. In the near future, he may possibly live in Russia to assist in developing both forest regeneration and forest fire control problems. Seems there are millions and millions of acres of forest lands of spruce and larch which are extremely vulnerable to fire and which have been substantially depleted, have suffered erosion and other problems, all arising out of a lack of regeneration. Sandy's skiing has been limited primarily to back-country skiing with his daughter and, with his daughter in Ecuador, even that skiing has fallen by the wayside. He still does a little mountain climbing, if and when he can fit it in. He advises his old ski crowd and friends that his home is about 20 minutes from the SeaTac Aiport and, assuming he isn't somewhere in the Russian wilderness, he would love to meet friends for a beer at the airport. ...**Steve Crampton** starts off his news with congratulations to her nibs, **Sally Gibbs**, upon her marriage to Louis L. Shook Jr. on May 18, 1991. Lou is a mechanical engineer turned residential designer and developer who is waiting for the economy to turn around, like all the rest of us. Sally is a part-time nutritionist for the Chatham County Health Dept. Their new address is 104 Karin Court, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Sally is euphoric about Chapel Hill and its environment. ...**Art "Max" Cottrell**, still specializing in trust and estate work, has moved to the Washington Trust Company, a smaller bank located minutes from his home in Ashaway, R.I. With youngest daughter Lydia graduating from St. Lawrence this May, he faces the delightful prospect of experiencing life without tuition payments. Middle child Sophie works in NYC with Alfred Knopf publishers. Son Max '82 is with a small media company in Dallas. His new love, when he isn't on the golf course, is competitive rowing, a fact confirmed by his dapper and trim appearance at our 30th, although it was also duly noted that he doesn't present his barber with much to work with anymore. ...**Sophie Healy** spent last winter in Venice, Fla., putting the finishing touches on two stories ("Dust and Forgetting" and "No Me Extranes Corazon") which were published in the spring issue of *Manoa*, the literary magazine of the Univ. of Hawaii Press. Sophie's previous book, titled *Lone Stars*, was published by the Atlantic Monthly Press in hard cover in 1989, with the paperback version appearing in 1990. ...Early February saw the annual gathering of the '61 Club Midd ski group in Aspen. There was a great turnout, including some first-timers, always welcome additions. As usual, we all placed our fate and schedules in the capable hands of mother **Carolyn (Bennett Wood)** and, not surprisingly, the week was a resounding success. While the snow wasn't the super west-

ern powder we in the East always fantasize about, the weather was warm and sunny enough to mollify old bones and joints, and each day the group attacked Aspen or Snowmass with enthusiasm from 9:30 until 3:30 or so. Attendees, along with Carolyn, included **Jody Lenfestey, Sandy Anderson Bolton, Judy Starbuck Hannemann** and son, Jeff, **Tee Newsom**, Tim and Jane Moore, Paul Rothman, Jim '59 and **Sally Tingle Southard**, Peggy and **Dario Quiros**, Ginny and **Nick Dabney** and sons Tom '93 and Scott '95, **Roddy Stanton Baskett**, Carol and **Jeff Foran**, and your eastern secretary and wife Susan Comstock Crampton '63. Highlights of the week included honoring Tee, Judy and Peggy for continuing their perfect attendance as sixpeaters of the club's annual gatherings (certainly a sign of endurance, if not good sense); the triple toe loop, spread eagle, double axle combination put together by Carol while sliding head first on her back through one of Aspen's best mogul fields (the crash and burn of the week); the wonderful hospitality, at a significant risk, of Roddy, and Ginny Dabney's parents, the Porey Robinsons, extended to the group in hosting the entire gang for home-cooked dinners during the week; finally understanding how Tim has made it through life this long after meeting his delightful wife, Jane; the debate spurred by the introduction by Judy of the current president of DKE to Trustee Susan (one which I might add was a microcosm of the larger college discussions containing the same multiple opinions and significant emotions); the reflection that time is passing, brought home by Jim's declaration that by projecting the remaining amortized life of his business suits relative to his anticipated date of retirement, he has determined he will never have to buy another suit; and the continued exhibition of unique loyalty and affection these get-togethers generate in the Class of '61, for the College and among the individuals. For those who don't downhill, there are always alternatives which members of the group have discovered. If you haven't been before, think about joining the group next year. The time and place will appear in a later issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Anne Thornton Bridges, HCR 68, Box 44, S. Woodstock Road, Woodstock, VT 05091, and John F. Sinclair, 482 Woodbury Road, Springfield, VT 05156.*

Writing for our March 1 deadline, we're hearing some fascinating stories as we assemble news of our classmates for the 30th. Of course, as you read this, we will have seen each other in person! So—if you went—quiz yourself and see how much of this news you heard directly. If you didn't go, we missed you, and here are just a few tidbits of our lives from the last few years. ...First, we would observe that **Ron Brown** must have his hands full! We hope he can make the reunion if we promise *not* to talk politics! ...**Jim Warburton**, who is still teaching in Atlanta, has recently taken groups of students to Ecuador, Mexico and Guatemala. ...**Barb Allen Schulze** teaches English to French children in Larchmont, N.Y. ...**Paul Markowitz**, a dentist in Franklin Lakes, N.J., is into computer telecommunications networks. He encloses his "E-Mail" address (M5080@ WORLD. STD. COM) for any like-minded classmates. ...**Tish Lange Flemma** took a cruise up the Nile. ...Some of us feel pangs of jealousy as Pete '63 and **Ellie Williams Pringle** report they have paid their last tuition bill—all to Middlebury. Elizabeth graduated in '88 and Wallace in '90. ...**Mona Donderi Rogers** is program director of the Middlebury Rotary Chapter. ...**Mary Bowen Kelley** is director of computer services for Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn. ...**Bonnie Boyd Russ** describes herself as the "sage of the ages," coordinating parenting support groups for young moms. ...**Judy Thomas Durkee** graduated from the Denver Paralegal Institute. ...**Dan Lovelace** has been monitoring the disintegration of the former Soviet Union intelligence services. ...We predicted that many of us who miss the 30th will have a very good reason—children graduating from college at the same time. We also predicted that a new topic of conversation for us (*not your secretaries!*) since the 25th will be weddings and grandchildren. Were we right?

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Class Secretaries: *Patricia Lynch DeMas, 3774 Ashford Lake Ct., Atlanta, GA 30319, and Robert J. Baskin, 317 10th St., NE, #5, Washington, DC 20002.*

After 26 years in the furniture business, **Thomas Greene** has taken the entrepreneurial plunge and gone into business for himself. Tom has left Ethan Allen Furniture, where he had been vice president and general manager, to open two new Lazy Boy franchises in Connecticut's affluent Fairfield County. Tom reports satisfaction with his decision to trade the corporate world for a new experience where he controls more of his own destiny. Even the recent recession isn't daunting to him. "If things are structured right," he says, "you can hang on during the bad times and be ready to take off when the good times arrive." Have a good flight, Tom. ...**Leigh Marr Knox** wrote in to wish everyone well. Leigh took advantage of some Alaska Airlines (a great airline, she maintains) two-for-one deals in '91. She used them to take two trips to Mexico and was impressed to be in a village with no roads (hence no traffic lights) and no electricity. The bummer news was the loss of her dog, Muffin, her "best buddy" for almost 15 years. Leigh is still working at Tektronix as a master scheduler. She closes with a standing invitation to anyone coming through the Portland, Ore., area (she lives in Aloha) and the hope for joy to all. ...**Roger Simon** is baaack! Don't be alarmed—we mean back on the East Coast from L.A., which is terrific news for loyalists to the right side of our country. Had a thoroughly delightful talk with Roger, who feels "back home" after three years in LALA Land. He remains bi-coastal by business necessity, but sounds quite content with his choice of domicile. Joining him in The City (160 Riverside Drive, #4C, New York, NY 10024) are wife Sarah and, of course, the kids—Noah (17), Danny (8) and Abby (6). Roger is producing a number of film, TV and theater projects. He owns a studio in New York where he teaches and develops young actors, playwrights and other artisans. With obvious excitement and pride, Roger says that "seeds sown over the last few years are beginning to blossom." Things are also bright in Hollywood. Roger has assumed the role of artistic director for the new Henry Fonda Theater and Repertory Company, a venture of the prestigious Nederlander Organization. At an 800-seat theater, scheduled to open on Hollywood Boulevard before the end of the year, Roger will help develop shows he hopes will end up on Broadway. Supporters and financiers are welcome.

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Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521, and Frederick W. Stetson, 10 W. Canal St., Winooski, VT 05404.*

Greetings, friends. Those Turning Points! Some we come to after lengthy pondering; some, unbidden, are thrust upon us. **Eirik Jorgensen** called all the way from Norway to say that his 50th birthday was celebrated in December 1991. Ready or not, here it comes! ...**Stephen** and **Odiorne Woodman Beebe** celebrated 25 years of marriage with a bike trip in the Upper Loire Valley, winding through vineyards and past chateaux. Steve's business occasionally takes him to Russia; Odiorne continues to hold down the fort at home in Great Falls, Va. ...**Michael McCann**, from Lyme, N.H., checked in with a new turning point. In January of 1991 Mike began his own consulting practice based on team building and improved communications between managers and employees. Business is going well which only adds to the rest of the joys in his life, including 24 years of marriage to a wonderful lady and their resultant two engaging children. ...**Courtlandt VanRooten** (3311 W. 3rd St. Apt I-203, Los Angeles, CA 90020) is chairman of the French department at the Bel-Air Prep School in Los Angeles. ...**Thomas Berner** has moved across town to 24 Elk Mountain Court, Asheville, NC 28804. ...**Michael Demas** has gone a bit south to 1001 Foxfire Lane, #102, Naples, FL 33942. (I wonder how near that is to the spot where we illegally anchored out and dragged anchor in a storm one night on our way 12 years ago from Caloosahatchie to the Keys, and Josh had a 104-degree fever and Naples had no pediatricians because it was too geriatric.) ...**Milton Griggs** has moved east to 1404 Rimrock Court, Boise, ID 83712. ...**Gertraud Gutzmann** has moved to 58 Paradise Road, #9, Northampton, MA 01060. ...**James Hunt** has moved to RR 1 Box 277, Canaan, NH 03741. ...**Patrick Wells**, president of Lundgren Bros. Remodeling, has moved in-state to 11217 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth, MN 55441. ...**William Wright** has moved a bit north to P.O. Box 30, Franconia, NH 03580. ...And finally, **Paul Witteman** has moved all the way across the country to Time & Life Building, Room 2453, New York, NY 10020. ...I am amused to write all these proper names, when previously we travelled under more casual and familiar aliases! Take care, good folk, and keep in touch.

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Believe it or not, in just one year we will be celebrating our 25th Reunion! ...**Lawrence Raab** has been named the

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Morris Professor of Rhetoric at Williams College. He has taught creative writing at Williams since 1976. A published poet, he has read from his poetry at many colleges and has received several awards and honors including the Bess Hokin Award from *Poetry Magazine* in 1983, a Robert Frost fellowship from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and two National Endowment for the Arts poetry fellowships. ...**John O'Malley** was recently named president and chief executive officer and a member of the board of directors of Robertson-Ceco Corp. in Pittsburgh, Pa. ...**Dick Brush** is the director of hospitality education at Johnson & Wales University. He has also been elected chairman of the board of the Rhode Island Hospitality Assoc. ...**Don Gulick** (152 Christian Hill Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230) reports that he and his wife are both practicing veterinarians and are in the process of taking over the family practice. They have two daughters, Danielle (13) and Heather (9). In addition to his practice he also coaches soccer, skiing and lacrosse part time and serves as the head race coach at a local ski area. His running honors include receiving an "honorable mention" All American in the 40-44 age group. ...Another runner, **Glenn Curtis** (2703 Woodwalk Court, Alexandria, VA 22306), just completed his 20th marathon and was to be in Boston this spring. He has been editing various handbooks, recently completing one on Yugoslavia, with others on Bulgaria and Poland due in the future. Glenn is completing a master's program in environmental and resource policy at George Washington University. ...As the visual effects supervisor for *Star Trek: The Next Generation* TV series, **Dan Curry** (9029 Grundy Lane, Chatsworth, CA 91311) gets to create anything that can't be real—space scenes, planets, ships, beam-outs, creatures, etc. He has a production company on the side and works on features and other projects, including Michael Jackson's latest video. He and wife Ubolvan and son Devin (9) live in the mountains of Box Canyon. ...It is with sadness that we report the deaths of two classmates, **Kennedy Furey** and **Linda V. DeLapp**. Linda's obituary appeared in the Winter '92 issue of the magazine; Kennedy's will appear in a future issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Elinor Livingston Redmond, 1235 Sawyer Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107, and Keith J. Conners, 418 Dogwood Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801.*

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Class Secretaries: *Sue Thompson, P.O. Box 326, Mystic, CT 06355, and Andy Wentink, P.O. Box 356, Hohokus, NJ 07423.*

Mike Satzow is owner of North Country Smokehouse, a wholesale and mail-order business in Claremont, N.H., catering to a small clientele of chefs, delis, businesses and discriminating eaters. After eight years with Butcher Blocks, Inc., when Mike was looking for new direction, he saw that "Purdue was coming out with chicken, and high-quality meats were around, but there was no high quality smoked meat." He evaluated the field and discovered that "You couldn't find high-quality, old-fashioned ham or bacon," and decided it would be "a pretty good market to get into." Starting out by supplying mail-order houses like L.L. Bean, Mike built the business account by account and now includes among his clients George Hormel Co., Benihana, several Vermont companies with private labels, and hotels and restaurants on the Eastern seaboard. Now you can find everything from smoked hot Italian sausage to cob smoked quail in the North Country Smokehouse catalog ("Celebrate the Flavors of New England") and his smoked turkey breast and smoked duck breast were awarded gold medals by Chefs of America in 1990. The catalog also tells us that Mike is a third generation meat cutter whose great-grandfather was a butcher in Lithuania and whose grandfather came to the U.S. along with other Jews exiled by the Russians. Underscoring the irony of being invited to Russia last year to demonstrate how to make high-quality sausage, Mike points out, "My grandfather started out in 1912 in Claremont, selling meat along North Sreet from the meat cart door-to-door. Now captains of industry are eating my smoked chicken breast on American Airlines first class trips to Japan." ...A 1973 graduate of the Univ. of Chicago law school (a classmate of Supreme Court nominee Ginsburg), **Michael Jones** practiced real estate and asset-based finance law for eight years in Chicago before moving on to Salt Lake City (1703 Yalecrest Ave., 84108) in '81, where he is with Tibbals Howell Jones & Moxley, a law firm with "broad-based property practice—oil, gas and mining, real estate, water, environmental"—and has written many professional articles. Mike skis 60+ days a year and is in his sixth year as a ski instructor at Snowbird. He's been married since 1973 to wife Susie, also a U of Chi grad, who has worked in the mental health profession, commercial real estate and is now a local manager for BFI. Their adopted daughter Holly (20) is a student at the Univ. of Utah. ...In case you haven't noticed, **John Warde** has been the home improvement columnist for *The New York Times* since 1987, writing two columns each week—Thursday, in the daily edition for most of the eastern U.S., and Sunday, in the regional edition distributed in states in the New York metropolitan area, with syndication in papers throughout the U.S. and Canada. John's first book, *The New York Times Season-by-Season Guide to Home Maintenance*, was published in February '92 by Times Books, a division of Random House. It's a great one, check it out! An author and/or editor for virtually all the Reader's Digest do-it-yourself books published in recent years, John continues to contribute to *RD* and other publications. Prior to joining the *Times* staff, John was an associate editor at Reader's Digest and a book and magazine editor at Rodale Press. He and wife Kathy, a hospital unit clerk, live with daughter Kathy (12) in Kutztown, Pa. Their older daughter, Johanna, graduated from Kutztown Univ. in May '91.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton, 51 Johnson Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905, and Sandy McDowell, R.R. 1, Box 1240, Shelburne, VT 05482.*

In December of 1991 **Anne Weismann Verge** was named assistant vice president at Boston University. Since 1988 Anne had been deputy chief of the Boston University Police Department, a job involving a lot of outreach into the community, such as more than 60 speaking engagements in 1991. According to the chief of the B.U. police department, Anne greatly expanded the department's participation in student orientation programs and was instrumental in starting a monthly newsletter. Anne, who was the first woman to graduate at the top of her class from the New Hampshire State Police Academy, says that she will definitely miss police work. In her new position, she will assist Vice President Joseph Mercurio in overseeing departments that provide services directly to students. She will also be assigned to special projects and represent Mercurio on task force and committee assignments, as well as chair a task force on enrollment management. Anne has a 14-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son. ...**Jeff** and Betsy Emmel '72 **Dunham** send hellos from their home on Ireland Road in Starksboro, Vt. Their son, John, is now five and daughter Ann is three-and-a-half. Jeff wears two hats, one as an architect and the other as a maple syrup producer. From his architectural office in Waitsfield, his most recent projects have been renovations to the Rutland Family Court building, and to the governor's office. In his maple sugar business he put in 1,800 taps this year and hopes to surpass last year's yield of 600 gallons of syrup. Jeff is also "very involved in woodland management plans." Betsy continues her career as a systems design analyst for General Electric in Burlington. ...**Mark Gillispie** (P.O. Box 1933, Nevada City, CA 95959) works in the San Francisco Bay area but makes his home in Nevada City with wife Joanie and children Shane (8), Kellen (10), Jessie (12) and Zoe (14). Joanie is working on a Ph.D. in psychology through the Fielding Institute, a university without walls. Mark sends a hello to his classmates who tried to persuade him to come east for the 20th reunion. Here's hoping we can persuade him for number 25. ...We have several new addresses for classmates: **Lesley M. Aker**, P.O. Box 1168, Quechee, VT 05059; **Paul L. Blocklyn**, 158 9th St. #2 Fl., Hoboken, NJ 07030; **Jonathan Glassman**, 10845 Bernardo Road, Culver City, CA 90230; **Marian G. Glenn**, 8513 Widener Road, Philadelphia, PA 19118; **Gary Higginbottom**, 1004 Buck Hill Drive, Veazie, ME 04401; **Louisa Ward McNally**, 190 Jockey Hollow Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924; **Thomas S. Meredith**, 8431 Libby Road NE, Olympia, WA 98506; **David R. Pierson**, 3333 E. Bayaud Ave., #804, Denver, CO 80209; **Jean Strand Siegel**, 4224 Arbor Drive, Shrewsbury, MA 01545; **Alison Cady Underwood**, RR 2 Box 3865, Berryville, VA 22611; **Anna Stockdell Welch**, 865 S. Columbine St., Denver, CO 80209; **Katherine Bean Yancey**, 1800 R St. NW, Washington, DC 20009. ...**Margaret Nason** informs us that she can be reached at Seafirst Bank (800 Fifth Ave., 30th Fl., Seattle, WA 98124), where she is vice president and examination unit manager. ...**William M. Post** can be reached at Nordica USA, 6 Thompson Drive, Essex Junction, VT 05452, where he is director of apparel. ...**Anne Lahey Kehl** announces a promotion to investment analyst at Brown Bros Harriman in New York. Her address remains the same at 15 Elmwood Place, Short Hills, NJ 07078. ...**Stephen R. Kerr** is now president and CEO of New England Agribusiness in Westminster, Vt. ...**Edward G. Lord III** is now vice president of real estate at MONY, 1740 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. ...**Susan Secord** is in charge of business-industry services at Front Range Community College in Boulder, Colo. ...Continue to send in news to your class secretaries. We want to hear from you!

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Class Secretaries: *Judy McCormack Culhane, P.O. Box 26417, Honolulu, HI 96825, and William E. Carlough, 15 Old School Lane, Pleasantville, NY 10570.*

The 1991 Montana "School Psychologist of the Year" award went to **Evey Zmudsky LaMont**, a public school psychologist in Billings, Mont. This award is presented each year to one school psychologist in the state who has demonstrated outstanding services to students, teachers, parents, community agencies and the profession of school psychology. Evey lives in Billings with her husband Doug, who manufactures

furniture, and their two sons, Aaron and Tyler. ...Charles and **Margaret Ferry Wohlers** welcomed their second son, Christopher Morgan Wohlers, on July 31, 1989. ...**Elliot Polebaum** is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson, a 400-partner international law firm with additional offices in New York, Los Angeles and London. He specializes in business litigation with an increasing emphasis on international litigation and arbitration. ...**Martha Browning Sosman** presented a piano concert at Memorial Hall Library in Andover, Mass., last fall. ...Jerry and **Lisa Craig Kuhr** welcomed Antonia Jasmine on May 22, 1991. ...**Carole Brown** (22 Montcalm St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1S 0A3; phone: 613-563-0899) is a partner with the law firm of Scott & Aylen, Barristers and Solicitors. ...After **Linda Kite Canty** was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in 1988, she underwent 14 hours of surgery to remove a tumor on the floor of her mouth and her right jaw, followed by a nine-month period of radiation and recovery. She then returned to her job at the Bank of New York as vice president in international banking. In July 1989 she was diagnosed with a recurrence which led to her decision not to continue in her high pressure corporate job. Linda and husband David are the Amateur Over 35 Ballroom Dancing Champions in North America. Linda is also developing a dance as therapy program, called "Get Back in the Swing," for cancer survivors. She is also part of a patient-to-patient volunteer program at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York.

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Class Secretaries: *Kathryn Winsberg, 4808 Moorland Lane, #1006, Bethesda, MD 20814, and Dean Nikitas, 7 Second St., #19, Pittsfield, MA 01201 (413-445-5082).*

At the Washington, D.C., reception to meet then-Acting President John McCardell in early January, I (**Kathryn Winsberg**) got to catch up with **Tom Hickok**. He announced the happy news that on New Year's Day he and his wife, Katy, welcomed their first child, daughter Charlotte Remsen Hickok. ...**Andrea Thorne** has spent the last nine years in New York City. She is completing a paralegal course and planning a career change this year. In her spare time she takes advantage of the city by studying piano and ballet with great teachers and by attending the opera and concerts. ...**John White Wolf** (known as **John Wilson** in college days) is a single father living in Phoenix, Ariz. Deeply involved in the New Age movement, he is a student of Native American and Celtic shamanic traditions, "on a quest of personal and global healing and transformation." On a more mundane level, he earns his living as a computer programmer for the Phoenix division of the Pulte Home Corp. He can be reached at 3907 E. Campbell, Phoenix, AZ 85018. ...**Bob Elliot** keeps his hometown of Portland, Maine, amused doing "special features" for local TV station WCSH, Channel 6. He gave up a position as a news correspondent with NBC to return to Portland, his family's home for over three generations. Although he works for a local station, his appeal and his exposure are not limited to Portland. For example, one of his features on the vanishing diner, former railroad cars converted into neighborhood eating places, was picked up by the Discovery Channel. Another of his visual essays on the last of the icecutters on Lake Mooselookmeguntic turned up on NBC News. ...**Mary Farley** is a part-time financial consultant to International Marketing Strategies, a business in Greenwich, Conn., owned by Midd alum Jim Lawrence '77. Mary says the rest of her time is very full, coordinating events at her children's school, etc., but she still finds time to take skating lessons and practice to keep up her figure skating. ...**Robert Shaw**, who has been a curator at the Shelburne (Vermont) Museum since 1981, was appointed cocurator in 1987. He has written about bird decoys, weathervanes and other folk sculpture for publications ranging from *Antiques* magazine to *Sports Afield*. He often lectures on these subjects and has appeared on special segments of NBC's *The Today Show* about decoys. He contributed to the catalogue for *An American Sampler: Folk Art from the Shelburne Museum*, a major travelling exhibition organized by the National Gallery of Art, and was a consultant to *Folk Art*, a new Time/Life Book.

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Class Secretaries: *Barry Schultz King, P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766, and Jim Ware, 90 East Bare Hill Road, Harvard, MA 01451.*

Many thanks to all who have written! Your correspondence sure makes our job easier, so please keep up the good work. Some of your messages will appear in the Autumn column. ...Congratulations to **Jerry Gundling** and Lucy Bennenuto (153 Wildwood Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045) who were married last summer. More recently he has been seen building a new house. As of January, he was at the drywall stage, so perhaps he is finished now. Jerry continues to enjoy his work at Abbott Laboratories where he is building antibody genes. ...**Peggy Hart** may be on her way back from Ghana, West Africa, by the time this goes to press. She and her husband, Dr. Richard Warner, and two sons, Miles (5) and Zakes (2), have been in Ghana as "volunteers." Richard has been working at a local hospital and Peggy worked with a local crafts group, Aid to Artisans. "It was my idea; part of me has always been over there," says Peggy who spent two years with the Peace Corps in Kenya in East Africa. "I've always wanted to go to West Africa." Peggy was instrumental in finding the position by sending out 50 letters to national health organizations. ...Congratulations go to **John Estle**, coach of the U.S. Cross-Country Ski Team, for the fine performance of the team at the Winter Olympics. He claims it takes 10 years to develop a "world class" cross-country skier, so hopefully he has helped to lay a great foundation for the future. ...**Jan Crean** (179 Reynolds Mill Road, York, PA 17403) is in her second year of ob-gyn residency and still "lovin' it." She admits to occasionally longing for the freer, less structured life in "The Theatre," but "all-in-all, life's been good to me so far." She would love to hear from "certain folks—Hey, you know who you are!" She claims she has a spare room for anyone who is passing through and needs a bed and a friendly welcome! ...**Lindsey** and Zoe Schurz '75 **Keck** have been expanding their farm. (See the class notes for Zoe under class of '75 in the Spring '92 issue.) Lindsey is still managing the fuel cell venture for Johnson Matthey, while devoting evenings and weekends to their Hawk Shadow Farm where Zoe is trying to make the veal business a viable alternative. As Zoe says, "It's all difficult to fit in, raising a family of five children, but then nobody ever said life was easy." ...**Carla Hall Friedman** and husband Ben-Ami have a new son, Matthew, born March 29, 1991. He joins Ilana (10) and Jacob (7). Meanwhile Carla is still working as president of the Carla Hall Design Group. ...**Peter Parnegg** put in four years in L.A. trying to become a serious rock star. ("Anyone ever hear of Stone Fury?") The group did get onto MTV with two videos, but then "bombed." So Peter, wife Mary Sue Walsh, and son Payton, moved back to Peter's home town of Albuquerque to take over the family real estate business. ...Sharon McCarthy and **Jim Ware** announce the birth of their first child, Lindsay Marie Ware, on April 13, 1992. As she is the first grandchild on both sides of the family, she is receiving lots of attention and Sharon and I (Jim) are enjoying her thoroughly. ...**Andy Wasserstrom**, Ph.D., is an associate professor in medicine at Northwestern University Medical School and is doing nearly full time research in cardiac cellular electrophysiology. He and wife Sue have three children: Leslie Ann (9), Nell Marie (8) and William Ross (4). Andy claims to have had a great time vacationing in Vermont last summer, visiting Judy and **Karl Doerner** and their son, Jan, as well as **Brian Lewis** and his wife, Stephanie Schnitz. ...**Annie Martin Wilder** writes from Westport, Conn.: "As our youngest of four, Duncan (2), runs by me on the way to the bath wearing nothing but a smile, and says, 'Later, Mom,' I sit here trying to write something that will tell you about my life today. And I guess that says it all."

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Class Secretaries: *Tim and Carol Blakely Counihan, 27 Percy Road, Lexington, MA 02173.*

Nancy Price Graff is a freelance writer living in Montpelier, Vt. She was a major contributor to *Celebrating Vermont: Myths and Realities*, the catalog of an exhibit, produced in part by the College, that has been touring the state, including a stop at the Johnson Gallery. Nancy edited the catalog and is coauthor with William Hosley '77 of the essay "Myths and Reality of the First Sixty Years of Statehood." Nancy also collaborated with former Vermont Governor Deane C. Davis on his autobiography, which was published posthumously this year. ...**Bruce M. Moseley** left his position as Registrar of Historic Deerfield to become curator of Ft. Ticonderoga. Bruce is on the executive board of the New England Museum Association, along with Timothy Rub '74 and Stuart Parnes '70. ...**Meredith Parsons** wrote, "I love living back in my hometown of Traverse City, Mich., and am sharpening up my edges to take advantage of the early snow. Trying to come to grips with the probability of riding a sled down the hill to pick up my mail, now that I'm in my dotage. My singing career this year took me to Canada, Seattle, Israel, Holland, and my first gig in France (as Fricka in *Die Walkurie*). Those years in the Chateau paid off at last!" Meredith's address is 7356 Maple Terrace, Traverse City, MI 49684. ...**Pat Ferrell Vamvas** is proud to announce that she has finally decided what to be when she grows up. She is studying at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, working toward ordination in the Reformed Church of America. She's receiving much support from husband Michael and children Nicholas Robert James (9), Tyson Alexander (6), and Melina April (3). ...**Katherine Smith Ward** and husband John are spending this year at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. Kathy writes, "It's a great year to be studying how to keep the peace." Her address is 1208 White Birch Lane, Carlisle, PA 17013. ...**Marty Henslee** lives in Springfield, Mo. She keeps busy running her own business (the Massage Therapy Center), working on a master's in applied psychology, and traveling once a month to Los Angeles. Marty introduced "on-site" therapy in 1987 and is helping to educate the public about the great effects of therapeutic massage. Marty wrote that when President and Mrs. Bush were in Springfield for July 4th, "I was on call to work with Mrs. Bush (but she didn't call)!" Marty was recently interviewed by the local

CBS TV station. ...**Danila Berenbach Raku** is the mother of one-year-old fraternal twins, Esa and Ava, as well as an older daughter Kaela. She and her husband, Shankara, now live in New Mexico (29 Highway 73, Penasco, NM 87553). ...From Olney, Md., **Janet Stanford** writes, "After many years absent, I've had the pleasure of making three trips to Middlebury this year to see my play *High and Dry* produced by the College theatre department. Theatrical activity on campus seems to be at an all-time high, with faculty and students alike awaiting the opening of a glorious new arts center over by the field house." Janet teaches, acts, directs and writes, while also finding time for husband Leo Stone and their children, Ciaran (5) and Emma (2). ...Congratulations to **Harlow (Terry) Farmer** and wife Nina Lian '79 on the birth of their second son, Jonathan Grosvenor Farmer last year. Jonathan joined big brother Zachery August Farmer (4). Terry is doing exploration geophysics for Shell Oil, after completing two years at the Shell Research Laboratory. Nina works for Exxon as a research geologist. ...**Paul Cousins**, a meteorologist at WGME-TV, the CBS affiliate in Portland, Maine, wrote us a long, news-filled letter from work on Christmas Day. "The broadcasting biz is in a state of flux again, as news shops shrink and automation becomes paramount. But, in fact, the rest of the business is just catching up with the weather gurus! We play with many computers, graphics generators, and PC data managers daily ... to manipulate data ... and weave it into a story for the masses." Paul likes being involved in "a raft of educational programs, speaking circuits, and charitable organizations." He is active in the PTO and the many activities of his son Tyler (13) and daughter Cameron (11). "The kids and I have a blast," he wrote. Recently divorced, Paul has a sailboat and does lots of solo sailing in Casco Bay. He has also taken up piano again, not having played since he was at Middlebury. ...What about the rest of you? Keep those cards and letters coming. It only takes five minutes to drop us a line!

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Class Secretaries: *Marion Adler, 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; Thomas Hitch, 1180 Lyman Ave., Wayzata, MN 55391; and William Kuharich, 3726 Whitehall Drive, Destrehan, LA 70047.*

Since joining us at the 15th reunion, **Peter** and Caroline Christen '78 **Boucher**, son Whit (5) and daughter Sara (3) have relocated to 25 Powder Horn Hill Road, Wilton, CT 06897. Peter left Pizza Hut in Wichita, Kans., to join Phillip Morris in NYC as director of compensation. They are excited about being back on the East Coast and look forward to skiing in Vermont and summers at the shore. Not too many mountains and beaches in Kansas! ...**Amy Boynton** (5611 N. Winthrop, Chicago, IL 60660) missed the 15th reunion because she was in Asia. Although she was working, she managed to get in a little shopping. Abroad about 100 days in 1991, mostly in the Philippines, Amy reports her regret for not taking foreign languages while at Midd. She just celebrated her 15th year with McDonald's Corp. as director of labor relations. A homeowner in Edgewater Beach, northside of Chicago, Amy is enjoying windsurfing whenever possible. ...**Mark Ceglarski** recently finished his MBA at UConn. He is a manager for ESPN in the program finance dept. He and wife Joanne (Marvin) '77 have their own hockey team—three boys and three girls, ranging from ages 1 to 10. Mark stays in touch with **Jim Brimsek**. ...**Kevin Cummings** is working for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. in the banking/financial institution area. He and wife Patricia have four children, the latest of which arrived around reunion time, making it impossible to attend. During the summers they spend time in Nantucket where Patricia likes to antique and Kevin relaxes with the kids on the beach. Kevin stays in touch with **Dave Nelson**, who is back in the NYC area. ...**Will Graham** is director of admissions at Gould Academy in Maine where he also stays busy coaching lacrosse. Will recently returned from recruiting prospective students for Gould in the Far East. Will and wife Marguerite, daughter Kate (12) and son Angus (9) journeyed west last summer, driving through many states in their cross country trip. They stopped in to visit the Bouchers in Wichita, Kans., on their way home. ...**Betsy Baetjer Mayer** (2409 W. Rogers Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209) works in the field of art restoration, enjoys her two children, Jody (9) and Tommy (6), and sings in the church choir. ...**Brother Tim Pehta** continues to travel with the choir "Gloriae Dei Cantores," touring 10 cities on the East Coast during the spring of '91, then in September and October singing in Holland, England, Italy and Poland, with plans to travel to Albania, Siberia, Crete and Bulgaria in spring '92. ...**Stephen Swalm** recently completed renovating a Victorian house after 10 years. He is still managing/leasing industrial real estate for the family business in Denver. Last fall he ran in the NYC marathon. He looked for alums, but didn't run into any. Any takers for this year? ...**Eric Silverman** is an attorney in Manhattan. He and wife Joanne have two daughters (9 and 7) and a son (4). He spends his free time in the winters playing pond hockey with his youngsters. Eric's passion is fishing, luring him to the Florida Keys in search of the big catch. His most recent prize catch was a 70 lb. tarpon. Go for it, Eric. ...**Paul Tierney** (2673 Lechtworth, Toledo, OH 43606) recently returned to Toledo after two enjoyable years in Tokyo. He says it's a bit of an adjustment teaching math to young inner-city students again after teaching English to Japanese business people. He is sorry he missed the 15th reunion but is looking forward to the next one. ...**Todd Wadsworth** and wife Diane live in St. Paul, Minn., where he keeps busy writing software programs for subsidizing housing projects. Todd returned to Midd last fall for the Norwich-Middlebury football game. He is saddened to see this rivalry on the gridiron come to an end. ...**Nancy Doane Babbott** is busy parenting three sons David (9), John (7) and Ben (5). She is a Montessori teacher and her husband, Dave, is the head of a non-profit diagnostic treatment facility in Santa Barbara, Calif. The Babbotts love California, but miss New England. They spent Christmas '91 in Vermont. Even though Nancy transferred from Midd to Stanford, she says she will always consider herself a Middie.

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Class Secretaries: *Libet Campbell Peters, P.O. Box 1, Edgartown, MA 02549, and Robert C. Lindberg, 6 Jefferson St., E. Granby, CT 06026.*

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Class Secretaries: *Lucy Newell Hancock, 15 Amber Road, Hingham, MA 02043, and Robert K. Race, 21 Willowdale Road, Topsfield, MA 01983.*

Lt. Cmdr. **James R. Everett III** U.S.N. (aka Jim) was named the 1991 recipient of the prestigious Herman Dworkin Award, given annually to the top Soviet naval analyst in the United States. Jim is the first non-civilian to win this honor, as well as the first person outside of the Washington, D.C., area. Last summer, he completed a two-year tour on the staff of the Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet (Mediterranean). He was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding work. Jim is now on duty in Rota, Spain. ...Major **Carol Smith Graves** and husband LTC Ralph Graves returned from Desert Storm in May 1991 to a fine reunion with their children, Beth (4) and Frederick (2), who were staying with Ralph's brother in Texas. Carol and Ralph enjoyed 60 days leave and then settled in Fort Leavenworth, Kans., to spend a year at Command and General Staff College. At last word, the summer of '92 will see Ralph as a deputy in the Baltimore Engineer District and Carol with the Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. ...**John Hyman**, wife Betsy Alperin and son Jake welcomed Max Alperin Hyman on January 21, 1992. John is still teaching at American University in Washington, D.C. **Paul Aaronson**, now living in London, spent a weekend with John and his family in September 1991 when he came to Washington on business. ...**Susan Votaw** spent 11 years in New York managing a fellowship program which brought African professors and civil servants to the U.S. to study in graduate programs. After receiving a master's degree in public administration at Harvard University, she became a freelance consultant. Her field is the management of manpower and institutional resource development projects; her clients are generally international donor agencies. Her emphasis is on project design, management and computer applications, system design and project evaluation. The job requires travel nearly eight months of the year, primarily in Africa. On November 23, 1991, Susan married Jonathan West, a Tasmanian who was in her program at Harvard. Jonathan, an environmentalist, is now in a doctoral program at Harvard Business School, so they will be in Boston for another year or two before moving to Tasmania, Australia. ...**Gabrielle Keller**, who teaches Spanish at Poly Prep in Brooklyn, N.Y., lives in Chelsea with husband Philip, son Jacob (2) and daughter Siena (born January 3, 1992). In addition to working and chasing kids, Gabrielle and Philip continue to travel, having visited Yugoslavia, Tunisia, China and Europe in recent years. ...**Beth Polebaum** and husband Sandy Cohn adopted their second child last fall. Their son Ari (almost 1) and daughter Shoshana (4) are both from Bogota, Colombia. Shoshi has made great strides in language despite her hearing loss. Ari has been an inspiration, since Shoshi feels it is her duty as a big sister to explain the world to him. In addition, she has to speak up to be heard over the din! ...**Beth Warfield** married Jeffrey Harding in June 1991. They moved to Guatemala at the end of July (new address: US AID/TIO, Unit 3323, APO AA 34024). Beth is posted there as the head of A.I.D.'s office to promote trade and investment with Guatemala. Jeffrey is working in energy conservation and playing music. ...Rob and **Heather Allport-Cohoon** are thrilled to announce the birth of Luke Matthew, on March 11, 1991. Their three adopted children, Becky (11), Dorian (10) and Jonathan (8), have been wonderful and helpful to their baby brother. Heather puts her ministry background to good work as an alcoholism and addictions counselor at a hospital. New address: 408 Walnut St., Lockport, NY 14094. ...After 10 years in corporate law at Hale and Dorr in Boston, **David Ayres** has pulled up stakes and moved to London, where he has joined the firm Gibson Dunn & Crutcher. Future relocation may include Russia. Keep us posted, David!

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Class Secretaries: *Sharon Flack Mussomeli, Department of State, Colombo, Washington, DC 20520-*

6100, and Katie Weidman Jones, 5449 Albatross Ave., Ewa Beach, HI 96706.

Reed and **Jay Newberry** top the list of good news with the announcement of the birth of their first child, William Cummings Newberry, on December 12, 1991. Congratulations! ...**Ian Baker** was a featured speaker at a recent Weston, Conn., reception for the Tibetan Resettlement Project. Ian was back in Weston from Nepal to visit family and exhibit photographs of Tibet at the Roger Smith Hotel on Lexington Avenue in Manhattan. Following a semester in Nepal through the School for International Training, Ian's fascination for the region blossomed. He received a grant from the Explorer's Club in New York in 1982 to study shamanism in the Himalayas. Since 1984, he has been in Katmandu, Nepal, directing college study abroad programs. He also runs customized exotic tours for groups with his company, Rare Tours. Trips have included showing visitors remote villages in Nepal and Tibet where shamans practice holistic healing arts and guiding tourists to Buddhist monasteries where they study meditation techniques under the guidance of Tibetan lamas. Ian is also co-authoring a book entitled *Tibetan Voices: Reflections from the Wheel of Life.* ...In November 1991, **Gary Schiff** was named project manager for the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams. Gary serves as a liaison to state agencies and to the architectural/engineering/consulting team for the art museum. He is responsible for coordinating the search for a museum operator, various administrative tasks, and will oversee the next phase of a critical development program. Gary's past experience with Heritage Development Group, SWA Group, and Vesti Design International in Boston made him an ideal candidate for the position. Gary holds a master of landscape architecture degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. His wife, Arlene, is the community development director for the city of North Adams. ...**Diana Westney,** who holds a master of science degree and has a job in education, says hi to **Sarah Sloane**. ...**Jenny Skoble** writes that "after a prior career in film production, 0 children, 0 husband, I recently completed a clerkship with the Honorable Albert Lee Stephens Jr. of the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles." Living in West Hollywood, she is an associate with the L.A. law firm of Whener and Perlman. She invites classmates to call her at home (213-876-5114) or at the office (310-478-3131). ...**Andrea MacRitchie** is now working at Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals in Madison, N.J., and is enrolled in the master's program at Rutgers at night. She is in her second year as chairman of volunteers at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC. ...In July 1991, **Brian Miller** moved to Chicago, where he works in production management for Pandoo, Inc. He enjoys his new responsibilities, interfacing with engineering and manufacturing, and says it offers a new perspective from his days at the sales end of the company. Brian's wife, Karen, works part time, selling for a company that specializes in retirement communities. Two of her larger projects are located in Hartford, Conn., and Orlando, Fla. Brian and Karen divide the rest of their time between enjoying three-year-old Craig's latest antics and busying themselves with various renovation projects around their home. ...**Julie Dzewaltowski** left a teaching position at the Mallett's Bay School in Colchester, Vt., to work for the Center for Communication Disorders at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont in Burlington. ...**Jeffrey Eaddy** is working in Providence, R.I., as an account executive in charge of new business development for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island. ...**Katharine Driver Murphy** left her position teaching French and Russian at the Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Va., to join the staff at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va., where she heads a girls' dorm and teaches French. ...Please write us with more news. Even if it seems boring to you, remember that classmates who have not heard from you in years will be happy to see your name in print. And don't forget to send interesting pictures!

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Class Secretaries: *Robin Putnam, 2521 Grand Ave., Everett, WA 98201, and Rich Silton, 68 Wesson Terrace, Northboro, MA 01532.*

Thanks to all of you who have sent news. We'd love to hear from the rest of you! Our classmates are spread far and wide, leading busy lives. ...When **Jeff Armstrong** (324-1/2 12th St., Seal Beach, CA 90740, 213-594-4698) is not skiing, windsurfing or mountain biking, he is working as a pediatrician at Children's Hospital of Orange County, Calif. ...You can visit **Anne Witty** at the Maritime Museum in Astoria, Ore. She has been the curator since 1990. Located at the mouth of "The Great River of the West" (1573 Grand Ave., Astoria, OR 97103), the museum explores and tells the fascinating maritime story of the Pacific Northwest. ...**John** and **Anne Wood Humphries** celebrated Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1991, with the birth of their daughter, Erin O'Neal. She joins her sister, Shelley Rebecca, who is 3 years old. John is a faculty member of the Univ. of Virginia, dept. of internal medicine, specializing in hematology. Anne is the assistant director for information services at the Univ. of Virginia Health Sciences Library. ...Sarah and **John McLendon**decided that the mountains and cooler weather were beckoning. They have moved, with daughters Mary Beth and Lee Ann, back to Vermont (7 Nob Hill Road, Williston, VT 05495). John is working with the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, a state agency in Montpelier that makes loans and grants for affordable housing and land conservation projects. This is an interim job while he waits to take the Vermont bar exam and looks for a permanent job. Good luck, John! ...**Emily Ford** and Mark Embrey were married on July 27, 1991. Their address is 2476 Bolsover, #434, Houston, TX 77005. ...**Emily Langlie** married Steve Miletich on Novermber 30 and changed jobs. She is now part of an investigative reporting team for KOMO-TV in Seattle, Wash. ...**Rachel Davis** and Jonathan Helitzer (Kenyon College '79) had a son, Adam Joseph Helitzer, on December 23, 1991. ...**Rusty Hlavacek** is coaching lacrosse and loving it at Lawrenceville. He's in his twelfth year of teaching/coaching/admissions there. Daughter Caroline and Katie are now 3-1/2 and 1-1/2, respectively. "Whatever happened to sleeping 'til noon and going to the Crest Room for breakfast? In spite of sleep deprivation, parenting is great. Great time at Vinnie's wedding in October '91. Frodo: Are you moving to Princeton?" ...We know that many of you have exciting news to share with us for the next issue of *Middlebury Magazine.*

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Class Secretaries: *Elaine King Nickerson, 48 Lake Ave., Unit BR4, Woburn, MA 01801, and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 6044 Kenwood Ave., Dallas, TX 75206.*

Ann and **Steve Kerchner** are living in Colorado Springs where Ann teaches high school biology and Steve has his own consulting business, Safe Lab Consultants, Inc. He consults academic and business laboratories on hazardous material management issues. They spend weekends climbing, kayaking, telemarking and enjoying a variety of other outdoor sports. Steve received a master's in 1987 from the Audubon Expedition Institute, where he also met Ann. ...**Joanna Itskovitz Reed** and her husband, Douglas (Princeton '86), recently celebrated their first anniversary. They enjoy living in Palo Alto, Calif., where Joanne is a product manager in the business division of Dialogue Information, an online computer database company. ...**Craig Antonides** is head ski coach at Holderness, where he has coached for the last eight years. Holderness continues to send graduates to ski on the Middlebury team. He keeps up with Midd ski buddies John Neal '82, David Lamb '83 and **Steve Utter**, who is head ski coach at Green Mountain Valley. ...Paola and **Jim Carey** welcomed Michael Bertin into the world on July 8, 1991. Jim handles financial services in the Northeast for Teradata, which has been bought by AT&T/NCR. ...**Gail Glover** was recently chosen young educator of the year by the Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers. A teacher of Spanish at Cheyenne Mountain Junior High School in Colorado Springs for four years, Gail has become known for a participative approach in the classroom, such as using games and hands-on activities to enhance learning. For some variety in her day, she is also working towards a master's in Southwest studies at Colorado College. ...Amy and **Peter Gould** are proud new parents of Benjamin Macdonald, born November 29, 1991. Peter works with his father as a manufacturer representative for suppliers to the construction industry; Amy is working towards her Ph.D. in English at Boston Univ. ...Since graduating from the North Bennet Street School for traditional furniture making two years ago, **Tania Wilcke** has established her own studio where she makes custom furniture on a commission basis. She also does conservation work of museum

Caroline (3-1/2) and Katie (1-1/2) are the daughters of Elizabeth and Rusty Hlavacek '80. Their father coaches lacrosse at Lawrenceville, where he also teaches history and is involved in admissions.

pieces for everyone from the White House to the local museum. She recently moved to Mansfield (new address: 69 Rumford, Mansfield, MA 02048) so she often sees Peter '80 and **Sylvia Allen Duncan**. The Duncans have a new son, John Ian, who was born on October 1, 1991. Sylvia keeps busy with the new member of the family and Peter is director of marketing for Sipex Corp. ...Caroline and **Ben Mathes** live in Rome, Maine, where they work hard to keep up with their three children, Sarah (6), Sam (3) and Lindsay (1). Ben is a math professor at Colby College. ...Chris and **Peter Raskin** have two boys, Daniel (4) and Nathan (2), and a new home in Sharon, Mass., that Peter says could possibly be the movie set for a *Money Pit* sequel! Peter owns his own business providing financial services and employee benefits to smaller, closely held businesses and individuals. ...**Owen Rice** is working in film production and casting in Chicago. Over the past year, he has worked on the movies *Home Alone, V.I. Warshawski,*

Lydia Fitler '84 and Daniel Kimball were married on October 20, 1990. Their celebration included Asa Phillips '79, Marnie Brewster '78, Zander Grant '80, Heidi Visser '84, Lydia Fitler Kimball '84, Ben Kimball '94, Amy Yang '88, Jenny Merrick Vecchio '84 and Gerard Vecchio '83.

Gladiator, The Babe and *Backdraft*. ...Patrick and **Janice Harvey Holley** are happy to announce the arrival of Eileen Mavourneen, born on December 25, 1991. ...**Caren Hoffman** was married to Kevin Smith on September 15, 1991, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She writes that they had a wonderful honeymoon on St. John in the Virgin Islands, followed by a chilly move to Minneapolis last October with 30 inches of snow. They have seen classmate **Christine Bishop** and look forward to seeing other Midd Minnesotans. ...Laurie and **Grayle Howlett** are the happy new parents of Luke Jackson, born October 24, 1991. Grayle says he can already kick with his right foot so now they're working on the left foot. Both he and Laurie are in magazine advertising, Grayle for *Sports Illustrated* and Laurie for *BusinessWeek*. Grayle sees lots of **Sid Sorice** as they both play for the Manhattan Kickers soccer league in NYC. Sid works on the syndication desk for Chase Manhattan Bank. ...**Greg Matthews** recently moved to Houston (2929 Greenbriar Dr., #5206, Houston, TX 77098) from Los Angeles where he spent three years as an investment manager with Prudential Mortgage Capital. He is now the project finance director of the Centeq Companies, which acquire apartment properties in the Southwest on behalf of New York institutional limited partnership. After spending the year in Houston he will join the parent company in NYC. He says anyone looking for a golf game in Southeast Texas should give him a shout! ...That's all for now. We are eager to hear more news from all of you!

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Class Secretaries: *Polly Mitchell Ranson, 27 Lafayette St., Hopewell, NJ 08525, and Stephen P. Kiernan, 189 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT 05401.*

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Class Secretaries: *Allison D. Burroughs, 2429 Locust St., #202, Philadelphia, PA 19103, and Kenneth F. Edwards, 9 Aerial St., Arlington, MA 02174.*

David and **Sue Bayler Kotila** had their first child, Andrew, on September 30. Sue is still working in export licensing for Apple Computer. Sue recently saw **Renee Shattuck Haynes** and **Jackie Vanacek**, who are both happy and healthy in Hawaii and California, respectively. ...Doug and **Lisa Danforth Hurst** are thoroughly enjoying Spencer, their 16-month-old son. ...**Mike Lyons** is proud to say that, although he "still owns no house, and has no real job, I found a totally great wife!" Mike and Stephanie Briggs were married at Lake Willoughby, Vt., in June 1991. They now live in Oakland. Both are completing residencies in emergency and family medicine. ...**Kim Pope** and William Messenger had a September '91 wedding in Cambridge, Mass. Other Midd alums present included **Ainsley Beardwood** and **Joe** and **Kim Cochrane Cosgrove**. Helen Gregory Kwak '84 was the matron of honor—all the way from Tokyo. After spending the year studying at Yale Divinity School, Kim hopes she will finish her degree at Bread Loaf in the summer of '92. ...**Kerry Callahan** and Maura Hurgin (Springfield '84) were married in Connecticut on August 24, 1991. Kerry is now an attorney at the law firm Updike, Kelley and Spellacy, in Hartford, Conn. ..**Anne Sudkamp** and her husband, Tim Walker, have built their own cabin in Alaska. They are enjoying hundreds of acres of ski trails with moose, goshawks, ravens and snowshoe hares. Anne reports that they have a great view of the Northern Lights. Anne has also begun Middlebury's D.M.L. program in Russian and German and has received her teaching certificate for secondary school. ...In Seattle **Carrie Bowman** is running the outdoor program at Bush Middle School, as well as substituting there in P.E., science, and math. On the non-academic side, Carrie is gardening at the Univ. of Washington and running her own small gardening business. ...**Spencer Steer Saltonstall** is living in Stamford, Conn., and working in public relations. Her daughter, Caroline, was born in October of 1990. ...**Cullen Morse** and his wife, Jackie, are living in Snowmass Village, Colo., managing a ranch for Sony Pictures Enterprises. ...Back in 1984, **Adam Firestone** was slogging away at Pepperdine Law School, preparing for the opportunity to join a high-powered corporate law firm. However, when Adam considered that he was working toward a career in which he admits "you're tied to a desk and probably won't see daylight until retirement," he realized he wanted to experience some other adventures that life had to offer. So, Adam decided to join the Marine Corps as a judge advocate. What he didn't realize at the time was that this decision would lead to an experience that he will never forget. While in the Marines, not only was Adam trained as a judge advocate (similar to being a prosecutor in a district attorney's office), but he was also trained as an infantry officer. So he picked up combat skills as well as law skills during his active duty. When he received his honorable discharge in August 1990, little did he know that he would soon be forced to put those combat skills to use. One night in November 1990, Adam and his wife returned home to find a message on their answering machine. His wife played the message and listened to a Marine Corps major informing Adam that the Marines were invoking his reserve contract and he was to report to Camp Pendleton near San Diego in a matter of days in preparation for active duty in Saudi Arabia. "My wife was not pleased," Adam recalls. Adam arrived in the Gulf just after New Year's Day, 1991. He would, he was told, serve as an international law officer, working with Saudi officials to examine the legal ramifications of a number of issues that had arisen as a result of the war, such as the movement of refugees between borders. However, things quickly changed. "The U.S. was more interested in waging a military offensive than winning the hearts and minds of the Saudi people." So Adam's status became that of an unrestricted line officer. "It's called 'Getting there late after all the good jobs have been taken,'" he says, only half-jokingly. Adam was put in partial charge of Task Force Troy, a group of 300 men who were sent to the border of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to stage deceptive movements with plywood tanks and artificial artillery pieces that would look to the enemy like the real thing in the nighttime shadows. Firestone and his small force observed and fired upon the Iraqi soldiers from several locations, to give them the mistaken impression that an entire Marine division was gathering near the border. While 17,000 allied troops were preparing to enter Kuwait 30 miles to the northwest, Firestone's men were supposed to deceive and "basically tick off the Iraqis." Adam recalls that during this period he went into "Camp Counselor Mode." One begins to think about only basic needs, "When to eat, when to sleep, and how not to get hurt." After more than a month of deceptive maneuvers, the day before the allied ground invasion began, Adam's group joined the 17,000 other troops headed for Kuwait City. Although the ground invasion was carefully planned, Adam recalls that in reality it was total chaos. "When we crossed the border it was total free-for-all. Total bedlam. Because of the oil fires, the air was so thick with black smoke that you couldn't see your hand in front of your face." Adam admits that there were some pretty scary moments for him in the Gulf. He also admits that at first, while still a civilian, he was not particularly in agreement with U.S. involvement in the Gulf. "But," he says, "at some point, when the commitment is made, even if you oppose the campaign, you have to recognize that your opposition is going to be damaging to the total effort." Adam recalls that the morale of his troops on the front lines was hurt very badly when they heard reports of anti-war protests on the BBC. Adam had no misconceptions as to why the U.S. became involved. "Such huge pools of natural resources (Kuwaiti oil) had to be in safe, sane hands." Adam also admits that he would have liked to have seen a different message coming from the Middlebury community. "I would have

like to have seen a more cogent, political analysis of the pluses and minuses of the campaign. Unfortunately, I felt that there was too much Vietnam Era sentimentality. It appeared that some individuals were anti-establishment for the sake of being anti-establishment." As for whether the U.S. should have taken Baghdad, Adam has a quick response. "No way. If the U.S. had pressed on to Baghdad, mankind would never have forgiven the Marine Corps. It's terrible enough that thousands of Iraqis died. But if we had moved on to Baghdad, millions would have died." Adam is now, thankfully, safe at home in Santa Barbara, working for the law firm of Mullin & Heinz. His daughter, Madeline, is now one year old. (A small portion of the material on Adam's experiences has been taken from an article by Mary Gresch in *The Cate School Bulletin*, Summer 1991.)

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Class Secretaries: *Cecil Marlowe, 2322 Lamberton Road, Cleveland Hts., OH 44118; and Kristin Smith, 68 Commonwealth Ave., #2, Boston, MA 02116.*

David and **Birgit Munte Steuber** announced the birth of their son, Philip Herbert, on January 29, 1992 in Hong Kong. ...Another pair of new parents are Mindy and **Rich Wagman**, whose daughter Emily Anne was born on June 27, 1991. ...Daniel and **Lydia Fitler Kimball** are splitting their time between Cambridge and Northeast Harbor, Maine, where Dan runs the Asticou Inn. Lydia ended her stint at Christie's in August 1991, then began a master's program at the Harvard School of Education, where she is now concentrating on non-profit management. ...**Janet Lynch** wrote that she is enjoying life in London (70 Parliament Hill, London, NW32TJ, U.K.) while studying for a master's of science in Sea Use Law and Policy at the London School of Economics. ...Lainey and **Rick Makin** have changed their address to 59 Riverside Ave., Riverside, CT 06878. Rick has also changed jobs and is now looking for buyers of corporate debt—he's selling it for Barclays de Zoete Wedd, while still specializing in the energy and utility sector. ...**John Hornbostel**, although last spotted on a Martha's Vineyard beach in October 1991 with **Todd Hunter, John Fitzgerald** and **Mike Rich**, reported from Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he is working on the privatization process through representation of the Czech government and several individual companies. He's enjoying the city and the local beer and he would love traveling company if anyone is in the area! ...After a year of clerking for a federal judge in New Orleans, **Stephen Siegel** has returned to Chicago (3238 N. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL 60657) to work for the firm of Latham & Watkins. ...Dave (Colby '82) and **Lisa Morris Worster** have moved to Chapel Hill, N.C. (227B Jackson Circle, 27514), where Dave is pursuing a doctorate in English literature. Two weeks before moving, their first child, Jennie Elizabeth Morris Worster, was born. ...**Jan Power** and her husband, Peter R. Nobile III, live in Chicago, where Jan is changing the face of the earth—by working as a program coordinator for Uptown Recycling (1824 N. Lincoln Park West, #301, Chicago, IL 60614). ...**Andrew Curtis** is preserving the face of the Portland, Ore., area, where he has been living for three years. He was recently appointed director of ARC Restoration Services, Inc., which is a design consultant for historic building repair projects throughout the Pacific Northwest. ...**Neal Ringquist** and his wife, Stephanie Pearsall (Univ. of Calif., Santa Barabara '84), have headed for the West Coast. Their November 2, 1991, wedding was attended by **Andy Varney, Steve Ford, Brian O'Sullivan**, Brian Currie '83 and Jack Thomas '83. They subsequently bought a house at 3940 N. Peardale Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549. ...**Sjogie** (a.k.a. **Tom Sjogren**) is still reveling in life in Aspen, Colo., where he manages Aspen Photography Studio for six months a year and then travels for his own landscape photography business the other half of the year. He loves having visitors, so write to him at P.O. Box 9265, Aspen, CO 81612. ...**Miriam Cuervo** and James Bell were married on October 19, 1991. Their address is 2467 Route 10, #46-6A, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. ...Matthew and **Tammy Fulco-Masiero** have two children. They are living in Richmond, Mass. ...We love cards and letters—keep them coming!

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Class Secretaries: *Toni Mauck, 30 Johnson Road, Falmouth, ME 04105, and Phil LeTourneau, 5903 Tokay, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87107.*

Please note new addresses above for both **Toni Mauck** and **Phil LeTourneau**. ...The new address for **Adam Arkel** is Fl. 3, #5, Lane 142, Rui An Street, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China. ...**Krystyna Brzustowicz** married Jay Growney in Hawaii in March 1989. They now have a daughter, Claire Marie Growney, born October 4, 1991. ...Joe and **Anne Burdeshaw Shrout** both received M.D.s in May 1991 from USUHS. They are now doing their internships in transitional and ob/gyn, respectively, at Madigan in Tacoma, Wash. Anne will continue her residency in ob/gyn at NAMC next year; Joe will be a flight surgeon at Fort Lewis while he awaits a spot in the orthopedic residency program. They welcome visitors at 9715 Onyx Drive SW, Tacoma, WA 98498 (phone 208-581-1086). ...**Charles Curtis** has returned to San Francisco after a year in Alaska. He enjoyed his stay there, but is glad to be back. ...Having graduated from Louisiana State Univ. School of Veterinary Medicine, **Laura Freeman** is now an equine practitioner in Folsom, a center of horse breeding in Louisiana. Looking forward to living in Folsom for a long time, she has bought a house and hopes soon to add a barn. Laura also works as a veterinarian for a ranch with over 300 llamas! ...**Robert Gladding** lives in New York City where he has been pursuing a career in acting for the last five years. He worked for a year with the Circle Repertory Company and just completed a two and a half year program with the William Esper Studio. Currently producing and acting in *Indian Wants the Bronx*, by Israel Horovitz, he is represented by Barbara Andreadis. Robert lives with "the lovely Lauren Lee Baas from New Orleans." ...In December, **David "Spike" Gjerde** and his brother, Charlie, opened Spike and Charlie's Restaurant and Wine Bar in Baltimore. Spike began his culinary career while working at a bakery in Middlebury during college. His new restaurant specializes in New American cuisine. Let's all be sure to visit when in Baltimore! ...**Randee Kallish** married Mark A. Saturno on June 9, 1990. They live in Chicago. ...**Peter Lamson**'s printed circuit board company (of which he is co-founder), P.D. Circuits, Hudson, N.H., hosted a visit by Vice President Dan Quayle, U.S. Senators Warren Rudman and Bob Smith, and New Hampshire Governor Judd Gregg in January. The purpose of the visit was to recognize the contribution of small businesses to the future of the American electronics manufacturing industry. ...**Skye McKenzie** is the founder and director of Live History Productions, an arts-in-education organization "dedicated to the diversion and painless education of young and old alike." He has toured New York with the one-person play *Bully!: An Adventure with Teddy Roosevelt*. Skye is a global-perspective storyteller, and is the artistic coordinator of Shakespearefest, a program that has inspired more than 2,000 students to learn about Shakespeare through performance. Skye studied theatre at Middlebury and went on to study at Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York and the British American Drama Academy in London. In December, Skye played Baernwald in *Beauty and the Beast* at the New York State Theatre Institute. ...**Maureen Menikheim** lived and worked in Kobe, Japan, for a time. In addition to teaching English to children, she studied Japanese tea ceremony and flower arrangement with a 73-year-old Japanese woman who spoke no English. She was leaving Japan in early April to travel through southeast Asia for two months. ...**Marnae Pearlman** married Kevin Ergil on July 21, 1990. Somehow she lives in San Francisco while working on a Ph.D. in anthropology at the Univ.

Following their wedding on April 20, 1991, newlyweds Karen Kraus '85 and Michael Skalla (Wesleyan '84) celebrated with Middlebury friends Jennifer McConnell '84, Andy '86 and Jeni Campbell Bluhm '85, Matt Benz '86 and Brenda Birmann '85.

Middlebury friends from the Class of 1986 gathered in New City, N.Y., on October 12, 1991, to celebrate the marriage of Jennifer Lawrence '86 and Kevin Horan (Johns Hopkins '84): from left, Kris Roberts Asbury, Debbie Vehse, Laura Gworek, the newlyweds, Mary Sue Holland, Cathy Perillo, Lynn Beers, Christine Langlois and, in front, Betsy Thompson.

A festive gathering in Bethesda, Md., on August 17, 1991, celebrated the marriage of Diana Stuart and Christopher Sinton, both '88. From the left, back row (all '88 unless otherwise indicated): Claire Gwatkin, John White, Katy Booras, Will Bentley, Karen Hammerness, Liz Nightingale, Wendy Victor, Hardin Pantle, and Frances Fox; middle row, Chaz Derecskey, the newlyweds, Marion Brune, Doug Yoon, Martha Saenz '65 (mother of the bride) and Jean Waller Brune '64; front row, Karen Benfield (behind Chris) Chris Summersgill, Dana Cormier, John Chaplin, Sarah Korjeff and Chris Cahill. Present but not pictured: Dave Van Luven, Michael Obel-Omia, Isabel Bleecker and Paige Bryan Sullivan '68.

The marriage of Camilla Herrera '89 and David Genovese (Brown '86) on May 18, 1991, occasioned the gala gathering of several 1989 classmates: back row, from left, Scott Glasser, Nicole Zungoli, Bruce Anfindsen, Johann Nottebohm, T.R. Lazo, John Myers, Rebecca King, Michael Campsbell and Karen Blanchfield; front row, Joella Hartness, the newlyweds, and Lisa Pauquette. Missing the photo were Ann Calfas, Charlotte Rosen and Andrew Merlis.

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Class Secretaries: *Kathryn Cater, 1087 Club Place, Atlanta, GA 30319; Lyle Fulkerson, 99 Perry St., Brookline, MA 02146; and Chris Peters, The Roosevelt, 2220 Walnut St., 406, Philadelphia, PA 19103.*

Gary and **Shannon Miller Hathaway** are living outside Philadelphia where Gary is a sales representative for Crane's stationery along with **Don Guidi**. The Hathaways' second son, John Miller Hathaway, was born on September 25, 1991. Shannon wrote to thank her Midd classmates for their loving support during her recent battle with kidney cancer. Our thanks to Shannon for sending along news of several other classmates as well! ...**Paul Taylor** returned to the U.S. in February 1992 from Niger, Africa, where he spent the past few years in the Peace Corps. ...**Amy Snyder Weed** is a lawyer with John Hancock in Boston. ...**Susan French Proulx** is teaching French at Chapel Hill-Chauncey Hall in Waltham, Mass. ...**Carroll Cummings** is teaching in Brooklyn, N.Y. ...**Leily Lashkan** is a lawyer in New York City. ..**Ed** and **Jennifer Reuling Homer** are living in Virginia where Ed is coaching football and Jenn is in the P.R. department of a private school. ...**Jennifer Lawrence** and Kevin Horan (Johns Hopkins '84) were married on October 12, 1991, in New City, N.Y. Jenni will be completing her pediatric residency in July 1993. Kevin will finish his anesthesia residency in July 1992. They live in Manhasset, N.Y. Midd alums who gathered at their wedding included **Kris Roberts Asbury, Debbie Vehse, Laura Gworek, Mary Sue Holland, Cathy Perillo, Lynne Beers, Christine Langlois** and **Betsy Thompson**. ...**Kelley Meade** is also a pediatric resident. ...**Dirk** and **Ceci Thoren Jacobs** moved to Portland, Ore. (14100 SW Teal Blvd, #27D, Beaverton, OR 97005; 503-626-8180), in July 1991 after traveling for four months. They drove cross country twice and visited Europe. **Don** and Carol Scarbeau '87 **Guidi** helped them drive a 22-foot truck and a car cross country for 10 days. Dirk is now a financial planner with IDS Financial Services; Ceci is doing independent investment advisory work. ...**Bill Burden** has been on a national tour with the San Francisco-based Western Opera Theatre. Bill has been playing Alfredo in the theatre company's production of *La Traviata*. ...Congratulations to **Monica Carroll McCabe**, who has been appointed exhibitions and collection coordinator for the Johnson Gallery. Before being appointed to this position, Monica was the director of the Webb & Parsons Gallery in Burlington, Vt. ...**Buzz Boswell** is the head coach of the Woodstock High School alpine ski team. Buzz was a Vermont Law School student when he called Suicide Six program director Len Britton in 1987 and asked how he could help out. Buzz, who skied slalom and giant slalom for the Middlebury ski team, was the assistant coach for the team in 1987 and has been head coach since 1988. Buzz continued working with the team throughout his law school years. ...**Polly Adams Papsadore** (formerly Polly Gay) has been living in Burlingame, Calif. (near San Francisco) since April 1991. Polly, who married Frank Papsadore on October 27, 1990, is working in marketing for IOG Books Worldwide, Inc., international data group division. ...**Christine Otto** married Roy Hirshland (Colby '85) on September 7, 1991, in Mead Chapel. They are living in Concord, Mass. ...**Leslie Manookian** moved to Chicago from Sun Valley, Idaho, last year. Leslie is finishing the second and final year of her MBA degree. ...**Tony Malloy** married Marie T. Volpe on August 19, 1989. **Jim Terhune** and **Michael Rawding** were ushers. Tony and Marie are living in Hoboken, N.J. ...**Ann B. McCollum** is living in Charlottesville, Va., where she is completing the first year of a master's program in counseling at UVA. While on a sabbatical from teaching last year, Ann was certified as a wilderness emergency medical technician (WEMT) and completed the NOLS program in Wyoming. ...**Elizabeth Hutson** has returned from Czechoslovakia where she taught English for half a year after teaching in Whitingham, Vt. Elizabeth moved to Burlington, Vt., in January 1992 to substitute teach and apply for full-time teaching positions. ...**Andrew White** married Melanie Kane (VCU '86) in New York City on December 20, 1991. Their address is 168 Prospect Place, #5, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Andrew is the senior editor of *City Limits* magazine, a non-profit monthly that covers public policy, housing, community development, and the urban environment in NYC. ...**Bill Weldon** recently graduated from UCLA with an MBA. Now working with Kidder, Peabody in retail sales in San Francisco, he reports seeing many alumni in the city, including Craig Westling '88, Brian Smith '87, Susie Reider '87 and Hannah Williams '88. ...It is with great sadness that we report the March 31 death of **Katie Gibbs Hobbs**. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Dorrie Paynter, 430 East 89th St., #3C, New York, NY 10128, and John K. Zehner, 1603 19th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009.*

Well, campers, we hope that many of you made it to reunion this spring and did your own catching up with classmates. But for those of you who couldn't make it, here's what we've heard lately. ...**Dan Silvershein** is finishing Cardoza Law School in New York, while **Diane Digiacomo** is also in New York finshing up medical school. ...Also in New York, **Misa Burnett** is in his second year at Columbia and **Rob Tucker** is still at Brown Brothers Harriman. ...**Kate Lewin** has quit the advertising field and moved to Vail with her brother. She taught skiing there during the winter and spent last summer teaching skiing in New Zealand. ...**Bruce Fagerstrom** is a media supervisor at Saatchi on General Mills. ...**Catherine Crawford** is wading through manuscripts at Little, Brown, and Co., keeping an eye out for any undiscovered authors. ...**Marty Ulrich** is near the Big Apple working as a marketing rep for IBM in Westchester, N.Y. She also spends some of her time tutoring first graders. ...**Doug Fischer** is working as a lawyer with the Environmental Protection Agency in New York. ...**Anne Bodkin** is teaching school, also in New York. ...**David Pilkey** is getting a Ph.D. in psychology at Syracuse. ...**Tim O'Connor** in Buffalo is still threatening to leave the insurance world to go back to school in physical therapy but, as of press time, he was wavering. ...In the New England scene, **Ken Willis** is in his first year at Boston University's School of Law. ...**Jill Green** is living in Dover, Mass., where she trains horses. ...**Hugh Bishop** recently bought a house just outside of Boston. ...**Jim Connolly** is now a senior associate in the emerging business services group at Coopers and Lybrand in Boston. ...In Rhode Island, **Greg Lupica** is still a graduate student in economics at Brown Univ., while **Amy Beckwith Lupica** heads the parent-infant program at the Rhode Island School for the

Deaf. ...**Mike Coughlan** is a benefits consultant in Portland, Maine, where he hangs out with his chocolate lab "Chaucer." ...**John Tuttle** is building houses outside of Burlington, Vt., where **John Castle** is coaching high school lacrosse at South Burlington High School and teaching social studies at Colchester High School. ...Out West, **Beth Wimberley** is teaching Spanish in Seattle. ...**Sarah Hebb** is finishing her master's in social welfare at Berkeley. ...**Martha Bangs** is teaching 7th-12th graders at the Marlborough School in Los Angeles. ...**Katie Stovern** is the head of personnel at an annuities firm in San Diego. ...Also in San Diego is **"California Joe" Ganley**, in his second year of law school. ...**Allison Beckwith-Melson** is teaching French to students at the Univ. of Minnesota. ...Down in Virginia, **Sarah Benedetti** is teaching school in McLean, while **John Ashley**, after teaching school in Lynchburg one year, is now at an undetermined law school. ...In international news, **Dave Nislick** taught an economics course to stock brokers in Mongolia in the summer of '91 but is now back studying at Harvard. ...**Jonas Turitz**, who is living in Sweden, recently ran into **Ellen Wood** while she was vacationing in England. ...**Stu Dwyer** is the special envoy to the U.S. ambassador in Canada. He lives in Quebec City. ...Also in Canada is **Lisa Papas**, who is reportedly doing TV anchor work in the Ontario area. ...Again we hope all this news is old to you now and that you were able to exchange such bits at reunion. But remember, for those of you who couldn't make it, the best way to keep in touch is through this column which is now in more capable hands. (Secretary's note: Dorrie did a great job; Zehner was the bum who lost all your stuff). So keep those cards and letters coming and as Dave Hartman used to say, "Go out and make a great day."

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Class Secretaries: *Pam Lawson Quinn, P.O. Box 414, Middlebury, VT 05753, and Jim Calise, 1072 Mason Woods Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329.*

Well it's four down and one to go! Since we wrote such a long article last time, this one will be short and sweet. With summer approaching, this means Middlebury weddings are kicking into full gear. Please send information and pictures to either of the secretaries or directly to the *Magazine*. FYI, as of this issue, the wedding stats are as follows: 37 classmates are married (7 percent); 26 of these marriages are to other Midd grads (70 percent—which is higher than the predicted 67 percent); of those 26, 12 are married to someone in the Class of '88 (46 percent of the married people, and 2 percent of the class). It looks like some people in our class took Dr. Robison seriously when he said, "Look to your left. Look to your right. Chances are that you will marry someone else in this room!" ...Speaking of weddings, **Isabelle Paine** married Strom Thacker (Pomona '88 and Midd-Madrid '86-'87) on August 10, 1991, in New Orleans. Guests included **Mary Beth Pryor** (who is an account executive on the Hershey Account at DDB Needham), **Kristi Garrett** (who is developing programs at the Children's Museum in Boston), and John Scharfenberg '87. The Thackers are living in Chapel Hill, N.C. ...**Deirdre Heekin** and Caleb Barber '89 were married in Princeton, Mass., on September 7, 1991. They live near Florence, Italy, and teach English at Ixalart in Castiglion. ...**Bridie Jennings Dumont** and her husband, Jean-Marc, have moved to L.A. from Paris. Bridie is a sales associate with Radio Express, an international Radio Barter Syndication. ...**Roberta Sengelmann**, a third year med student at N.Y. Medical College, will probably be returning to the West Coast for her residency (in surgery perhaps) and—to set the record straight—she is "still ringless." ...**Joni Wiester Martino**, at UCLA's Business School, was awarded an international management fellowship. She plans to spend the summer and fall in Barcelona. ...**Cindy Smith** is teaching biology, marine biology, and ecology at the Severn School in Severna Park, Md. She also coaches field hockey and lacrosse. ...**Andy Bird** was kind enough to write his secretaries the following message (and we quote): "POWDER." We assume that means he is enjoying himself working at the Alta Lodge at Alta, Utah. ...**Kerry Yeager** is working in the philanthropy area at Chase Manhattan Bank as a contributions officer in charge of giving grants to educational non-profits. ...**Leslie Virostek** married John Cobb (Bread Loaf '88) on November 23, 1991. **Kate Curtis, Lori Greenberg, Sheryl Parker** and **James Grayer** traveled to Connecticut for the wedding. John teaches English and coaches lacrosse and basketball at Choate Rosemary Hall. Leslie is a public relations associate at Newington Children's Hospital. Kate and Sheryl are in the Ph.D. program in the Public Health School at UNC-Chapel Hill. Lori is clerking for a federal judge in Burlington, Vt. James is living the life of a first year associate lawyer somewhere (in other words, he has no life!). ...**Kaia Dercum** is at the Univ. of Colorado Law School. She spent last summer doing legal aid on the Navajo Reservation. ...**Sarah Cooper** is a manager for classical musicians. When not managing, she is working for the International Arts Foundation promoting the arts and interdisciplinary education. ...**Brenna Wardell** is working for the Nature Company in San Francisco. She finished her master's at UC Berkeley and spent a summer at the Shakespeare at Windall program in Texas. ...**Peter Waugh** has completed his first year at the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at UNC-Chapel Hill. ...**Jim Calise** and **Lisa Kring** received their MBAs from the Emory Business School in May. ...Also receiving their MBAs this spring are **Nick Laird** (Tuck School at Dartmouth) and **Jennifer Doebler** (Columbia). ...**Catherine Smith** is going to work for the EPA after receiving her law degree this spring from Boston College. ...**Sara Poinier** is in Boulder working on her master's in teaching. At Christmas break she taught skiing at Taos where she spent the last three years. She is also teaching at Eldora on weekends. ...Living in Tokyo, **Jon Bigelow** is a sales manager for an electronics magazine in Asia. ...**Jessica Perera** is working for a U.S.-Russian trade company called BOSMOSCO. It is based in Boston, but she has spent most of this year working at the Moscow office. ...A Missing MiddKidd update: The people listed were people who had invalid addresses. We know what some of them are doing, but we can't contact them because the College doesn't have correct addresses for them. We now add to that list **Kathleen Bowen, Cree LeFavour** and **Bill Smith**. Of the 22 listed last time, six have been relocated. Please drop either the Alumni Office or us a line with any of the MIA addresses. Thanks for your help and have a great summer!

Anne "Pokey" Phillips and Charles Fiedler, both '89, were married on November 23, 1991, at the Pingree School in South Hamilton, Mass. The Middlebury presence included, front row, from left, K.C. Koch '89, Bob More '89, Rachel Wigglesworth '90, Kelly Smith '90, Lovisa Johnsson '90, Robin Benoit Tamura '87, John DeMatte '90 and Richard Feldman '92; back row, Charles Butt '89, Ed Sugrue '89, Heather Flood '91, Louise Kellogg '92, the newlyweds, Dan Phillips '63 (father of the bride), Patrick Phillips '91 (brother of the bride), Steve Wilkerson '63 and Mike Gregorich '89.

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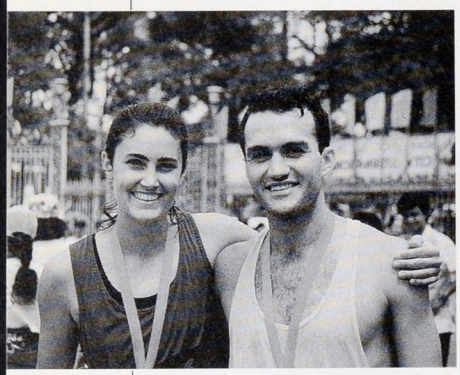
Class Secretaries: *Kristen Canfield, 2486 Congress St., Fairfield, CT 06430, and Timothy O'Shea, 90 Willow St., Garden City, NY 11530.*

This summer marks our third year removed from Middlebury. Classmates continue to enter diverse and challenging fields. **Kim Bennett Canavan** is the assistant director for an outdoor school in the redwoods of northern California. ...**Ariane van Notten** recently completed her master's in political science. She worked for Shell Oil in Indonesia before heading off to Liberia for a month or so. ...**Ben Press** is training to be a motion picture talent agent in Beverly Hills. He lives in Santa Monica, spending many a night at Fat Burger with other '89ers **Peter Saliba** and **Ren Salerno**. ...**Laurie Bowman** has been working for the German-American Chamber of Commerce in Chicago for 18 months. ...After a year in Estonia, working as a journalist, **Vello Pettai** has finished his first year at Columbia Univ. in the political science Ph.D. program. He plans to return to Estonia in the near future. ...**Cynthia White** is a geometry teacher, tutor and coach at the Dublin School in Dublin, N.H. ...**Emily**

Hong Kong was the scene of a Midd vs. Dartmouth football match in December 1991. Needless to say, the game ended in a tie. Middlebury participants included, top row, from left, Noni Dorschel '90, Todd Benoliel '89, Tim Madden '90 and Ilaria Galimberti '88; bottom row, Stephen Maire '77, Shaun Miele '88, Leslie Wilkinson '89, Julia Acer '89, Diana Smith '91, John Crossman '85, Merrit Maddux '84 and Dave Steuber '84.

Diana Smith '91 and Shawn Miele '88 ran in the first-ever International Ho Chi Minh City Marathon in Vietnam. Diana is a writer for a 24-hour English language radio station in Hong Kong. She reports seeing lots of Middlebury people in Hong Kong.



Scudder works at the Phillips Collection Museum in Washington, D.C. ...**Tim Ostebo** is in Moscow, Idaho, working on his graduate architectural degree. In his spare time, he works with Indonesian hand puppets. "They liberate me," writes Tim. ...**John Renwick** writes from Manhattan: "Looking down the barrel at 40K! You talk high finance, you're talking Johnnie R! I'm your man." ...**Annie Calfas** is finishing up her final year at Stanford Law and plans to work as legal counsel to former NHL great Marcel Dionne. ...**Sabine Pulver** is also at Stanford, working toward her Ph.D. in chemistry. ...**Laura Zink** works at the U.S. Geological Survey in Santa Clara, Calif., and spends plenty of time on her Mac. ...**Jessica Thonn** has returned from Florence, Italy, where she worked with a "buying office" for an export company. Now she is studying for a degree in adult education and human resource training at Seattle Univ. ...**Jane Keller** works in Seattle as managing editor for *Media Inc.* Jane rooms with **Anne Stevens**. ...**Julia Acer** is still overseas, working in Hong Kong as managing editor of *Business China*. ...**Jan Alexander** is a fifth grade teacher at a Catholic school in the Bahamas. Luckily, Jan finds time to enjoy the local surroundings! ...**Tania Lee** is studying in the Williams College graduate program in art history. ...**Sue Haviland** wrote to us after she returned from a 'round-the-world adventure that took her to Fiji, New Zealand, Malaysia, Nepal, Cleveland and India. "The international Midd grapevine is GREAT!" Sue writes. ...**Heidi Davidson** is in graduate school for art and movement therapy in Cambridge, Mass. ...**Doro Herrey** works days as a crane operator for a Japanese construction firm in New York, and plays the accordion in West Side clubs at night. ...Congratulations to **Keith Pennell** upon his marriage to Bonnie Ades (Skidmore '90) on February 8, 1992, in Woodbridge, Conn. Other Midd names at the occasion included **Scott McBurney, Craig Anderson, Rob Snow, Tom Gleason, Karen Lane, Kris Canfield, John Mutterperl, Randolph Randolph, Jen Lowance, Ren Salerno, Jeff Somers**, Ted Trask '88, Dicky Riegal '88 and **Mike Campbell**. ...**Liz Wilcox** married Lucian Snow on September 28, 1991. Liz and her husband live and work in London, where Liz is an assistant editor for *Reactions* magazine. Supposedly, **John Ogden** appeared at the wedding in southern Vermont in a hot air balloon and proceeded to bungee jump down into the reception. ...**Marjy MacWhorter** married Carl Friedrichs in August '91. Marjy lives on Cape Cod where she works in the field of physical oceanography. ...**Liz L'Hommedieu** married Matthew King in late December '91. Liz had worked as a reporter for *Time* in San Francisco and now lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband. ...Please keep in touch.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Stechschulte, 409 Third St., #3, Brooklyn, NY 11215, and Paul E. Needham, 3 Monument Circle, Hingham, MA 02043.*

Strap yourselves in, folks, as we take a trip to visit with '90ers. First stop New York: **Kathleen Murphy** is teaching at Friends Academy on Long Island, coincidentally with **Jane Goldstein**'s mother. Meanwhile, Jane is busy working for General ReInsurance Company in NYC and living with **Ellen LeMaitre**, who is applying for graduate school. ...**Linda Sileo** is up to her elbows in olive oil, working for Salgado USA, Inc., a Spanish firm which is a division of Montedison USA, Inc. ...Up in Beantown, **Deb Reed** is working in the alumni office of M.I.T. and seeing quite a bit of **Kiersten Haskell** and **Deb Tobey**. ...**Ben Monachino** is surviving his second year at the Boston Univ. School of Law. ...**Heather Jaynes** is busy editing the *Circuit Newsletter*. ...**Michael Lane** is a financial analyst in the investment management and trust division of the Boston Company; he's also taking graduate classes. ...**Schuyler Garrett** is pursuing a master's in school psychology at Tufts. ...**Annie Janeway** is doing educational administration work at the Katherine Gibbs School. She also mentioned a midwinter rendezvous with **Hei-Won Lee** and **Jessika Nugent**. ...**Todd Wetzel** is enjoying his second year as an investment manager consultant for Shearson Lehman Brothers. ...Word from the Constitution State is that **Leanne Potvin** is maintaining her youthful looks as a result of her work as assistant brand manager of Oil of Olay, a product of Proctor & Gamble. ...**Monica Chrambach** is teaching biology at the Forman School, a prep school for learning disabled children located in Litchfield. ...Congratulations to **David King** for completing his master's in accounting in August of '91. ...More of the same kudos to **George Hurtt** who finished his M.S. in mathematical ecology this spring and is busy applying to relevant Ph.D. programs. ...Close to our alma mater is **John DeMatte,** who was the assistant alpine ski coach last winter. ...Fellow Vermonter **Sue Oddsen**'s plans were to go back to Kenya to continue studies of wildlife conservation and land use. ...Washington, D.C., is home to many a Midd-kid. **Eric Winick** is serving as literary manager for the Contemporary Arts Theatre Company. ...**Kara Hordlow** is doing international development work for the Cooperative Housing Foundation while planning a trip to Nepal. ...**Tom Louderback** is attending school. ...Roommate **Scott McLucas** works as assistant editor for the *Democratic Review*, a D.C. forum for liberal brainstorming. ...Rumor has it that their third roommate, **John McCulloch**, is contemplating joining the Catholic ministry. ...**Karla Rice** is in Pittsburgh working in the merchandise coordinating department at Action Industries. ...The Eastern seaboard is home to **Lindsey King**, where she works for NCNB Mortgage Corp. in Charleston, S.C. ...**Tim Frey** is in Camp Lejeune, N.C., with 2nd Radio Battalion, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic. ...Heading into the Midwest, **Judith Wright** is at Northwestern Univ., completing a master's in piano performance and pedagogy. ...**Todd Olinger** is an Aerospace Intelligence Officer at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs. ...Out in sunny California, **Myles Moody** is working for his father after returning from six months of world travel. ...**Meredith Binder** is an assistant to TV executives at ABC in L.A. ...The Bay Area is home to quite a few, including **Chris Hallenbeck**, who administers corporate accounts for Bank of America. ...Also in Bay banking is **Andrew Guggenhime**, who is in the commercial banking training program at Wells Fargo Bank. ...**Todd Stone** works for Hal Riney Advertising. ...And **Barb Menzel** is working for the Enterprise Group at Arthur Andersen. ...Also out West is **Mike Stevens**, who teaches ecology and natural history at the Teton Science School in Kelly, Wyo. ...**Andy Rosenshine** is in Jackson, Wyo., working at a residential treatment center for emotionally troubled youth. ...In Portland, Ore., **Laura Appleton** is studying at the Montessori Institute Northwest. ...Overseas, **Adam Leff** has spent the last two years in the suburbs of Paris where he taught English and developed "monster legs fit to kill" as he bicycled professionally throughout France. He will soon be returning stateside to teach and coach. ...**Patrick Mercanton** has become adept at dyeing women's hair in his life as a salesman in the Provence region for Garnier, a division of the French cosmetics firm L'Oreal. (Thanks to **Bill Krolicki** for this item. Now we just need to know what *he's* doing!) ...Also in France was **Lovisa Johnsson**, working as a tour guide for luxury bike tours as well as for *Sports Illustrated* during the Winter Olympics in Albertville. ...**Hubie Kuelps** is in his second year of law school in Heidelberg, Germany. ...**Kyle Westgard**, who has spent a good deal of time in Taipei, Taiwan, working for Hill & Knowlton P.R., has plans to ski the winter away in Breckenridge with **Kevin Bittenbender** and **Nina Tool**. ...Peace Corps volunteer **Megan Tracy** reports from Ulan Bator, Mongolia, that on a good day she has electricity, heat and hot water. ...Belated congratulations go out to **Dean Baumeister** and Stephanie Galbreath '89 who were married on October 20, 1990. ...**Dawn Marie Cagley** and Scott Drew were married on July 27, 1991. They live in Bath, Maine. ...**Natana DeLong** married Christophe Bas, a French citizen, and they are living in Washington, D.C., where Natana is working towards her master's in Arab studies at Georgetown. ...Word is out

that there will be more '90 newlyweds. Don't forget to send pictures. Enjoy the summer and drop us a postcard!

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Class Secretaries: *Karmali Bhanji, Box 4202, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753; Brian Bank, 6420 Goldleaf Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817; and Sara Bremner, 520 Maysfield Road, Dayton, OH 45419.*

A whole year has elapsed since we marched across the podium to receive our diplomas. Since then, **Kristina Johnson** has been pursuing an M.A. in French in Paris, and now hopes to go on to a doctorate program in art history. ...**Vanessa Trien** has been traveling in Central America for five months, after having worked for the Fresh Air Fund in New York. ...**Josh Sarkis** is leading a solitary existence in Vancouver, B.C.—skiing, playing at a blues club, marketing for a computer health firm, and hoping that Middies will visit him. ...**Arshad Ahmad** is just across the border in Seattle, Wash., working for Microsoft. ..**Dave McKenna** continues to shoot pucks—only now the goals are being scored in Dordrecht, Holland, for the "Lavold Lions." ...**Eric Phaneuf** is at Washington and Lee School of Law. ...**James Appleby III** has been teaching science at St. Paul's School and will begin graduate school in the fall, but not before road-tripping through Texas and California. ...**Chris Cox** lived in Sun Valley, Idaho, for seven months and hopes to be in jolly old England for a few months. ...**Ralph Boone** was back at Middlebury solving the housing jigsaw (which had more pieces than space) this year. ...**Wendy Burgbacher,** who teaches German at Burke Mountain Academy, proclaims that "things couldn't be better!" ...**Grace Garcia,** having worked for CBS on a Winter Olympics committee, now attends med school at SUNY, Stony Brook. ...**Andrew Peach** spent last fall in Paris with **Chad Anderson, Daryl Miller**, and **Kristen Perrault**. Having worked for a French business travel magazine, he was, at last count, back in the U.S. pounding the pavement. ...**Leland Hart** moved to Chicago with **Mo Tooker** and reports that **Matt Disco** opened a Dojo in southern California, and that **Todd Lowell** was bartending in Portland, Maine. ...**Christine Swain** is thoroughly enjoying her study of Romance linguistics at Cornell. ...**Mike Jeram**, now research associate at the Geonomics Institute, is living comfortably in downtown Middlebury. ...**Steve Quinn** spent last summer in Nantucket with **Duncan Evans, Dennis Schaecher** and **Mark Ely**. ...**Jean De Montebello** works for Societe General (a French bank) in NYC. ...**Eliza Choate Harding** should have a master's in elementary education by the time this issue of *Middlebury Magazine* gets printed. ...**Matt Bonner**'s in Bridport, Vt., where he adopted **Tara Hussey**'s kitten, Barnaby, who earns his keep hunting mice and rats in the Blue House. ...**Colin Higgins** works in sales for Dictaphone in Boston. ...In Seattle, Wash., **Sarah Garner** works at an advertising agency in public relations while simultaneously pursuing a graduate business degree. ...Having completed a U.S. tour with **Cricket Keleher** and **Amanda Botts, Allison Ross** is now in Los Angeles with no movie ambitions! ...**Karen Harper** worked in Maine and Nantucket, then traveled in China with **Paula Davidson**. Karen hopes to study plant ecology at the Univ. of Alberta in Edmonton. ...**Mary Beriau** married Rodney Bicknell '77 on May 19, 1991. Their wedding reception was held at Kirk Alumni Center on June 8. Mary now teaches kindergarten in Apopka, Fla. ...**Jeff McMahan** and **Matthew Warren** live together in Williamsburg, Va., where they attend William and Mary Law School. ...**Ariana Shahinfar** counsels emotionally disturbed children close to Baltimore, Md. ...**Kristyn Mills** enjoys life as a live-out nanny, and hopes to visit Amy Heebner '93 in Italy and Spain this summer. ...**Elizabeth Barkell** teaches Russian in San Antonio, Texas. ...**Holly Fryberger** teaches ninth grade biology near Washington, D.C. ...**Heidi Ripley** has been in Germany translating and working as a foreign language correspondent for a company that deals in plastics and synthetic textiles. She reports good progress in her study of the German party scene! ...**Ben Danson** tripped across the continent with **Andrew Resnik, Jon Norling, Rob Todd** and Geoff Warden '90. He and Geoff live in New Orleans, La. Andy hopes to be back in the Northeast at grad school soon! ...**Dan O'Neil** has earned his commodities and stock broker license and is trading at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, where he shook the president's hand. ...**Mary Leet** is in New Zealand with a friend. She hopes to be gainfully employed there. ...**Andy "Cocktail" Smith** works at the surgery dept. at Yale Medical School. ...**Saba Ahmad** is a sales executive for Malaysia Airlines in Karachi, Pakistan. ...**Rak Chugh, Nalin Nayyar** and **Sohail Shaikh** share an apartment in the concrete jungle (NYC), where Sohail works for Banker's Trust Investment Management Group. ...**Ben Judson**, having spent time at the Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center studying Tibetan Buddhism, is in Sri Lanka with the Peace Corps. ...**Andrew Resnik** coordinates special events in the PR office at Bloomingdale's in NYC. ...**Heather Widlund** is in Minneapolis interning with "Woodswomen," a company which organizes and guides outdoor trips for women all over the world. ...**Emily Stowe** is in D.C. working as a research microbiologist at the National Cancer Institute of the National Institute of Health. ...**Dave O'Hara** and **Christina Swenson O'Hara** are in lovely downtown Hinesburg, Vt., as advisers for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. They work closely with the UVM student group. They love their job and being at school without homework to do! ...**Betsy Leighton** works in Seattle, Wash., at Olympic Mental Health with chronically mentally ill adults. ...**Judy Levenson** is in Newton, Mass., working on a short film directed by David Mamet. ...**Douglas Trotman** got his private pilot's license and now works as an insurance broker at Lloyd's of London. ...**Nancy McKee** teaches science at Linden Hall. ...**Sairey Leone** is in Manchester, Mass., working at Houghton Mifflin Publishers. ...**Junaid Jafar** played lots of polo and now works as a student accountant with Smith and Williamson in London, England. ...**Thea Migel** is at the Center for Foreign Policy Development in Providence, R.I. ...**Mark Cooper** is a participant in the Teach for America program, teaching at Central High School in Helena, Arkansas. ...**Erica Sasaki** has great views from her World Trade Center office, where she works in the economic research division in a Japanese bank. ...**Kevin Kelly** lives in Bali, Indonesia, and is writing a pop-up book about a surfing dog. ...**Colin Drake** is globe trotting on a nine-month excursion. ...**Dana Cronin** finished leading bike tours in France and now studies Italian art history. ...**Hendrik Snow** spent time working for "Save Our Cumberland Mountains" in rural eastern Tennessee. He was a paid ski-bum all winter in Aspen. ...**Karen Kehoe, MaryBeth Dingledy, Laurie Greco** and **Barbara Woodbury** live together in Breckenridge, Colo., and work in the ski industry. ...**Jim Nida** is a benefits analyst for Compensation Resource Group in Pasadena, Calif. ...**Tara Wells** lives with **Jim Currier** in Wakefield, Mass. Both are working at consulting firms. ...**Shireen Tabechian** works in Burlington, Vt., at the public defender's office and researches for a UVM psychology professor. She lives with **Felicia Smith.** ...**Bill Driscoll** is in Vail, Colo., working in property management. ...**Mark Harris** completed a NOLS semester in the Southwest, with the help of Abbey Haggerty '89. ...**Wendy Falconer** is in Latvia teaching English with a group called "Education for Democracy." ...**Lynn Ellis** finished Outward Bound in North Carolina, Fla., and Mexico, and is now back in Middlebury. ...**Tricia Mangold** imparts outdoor environmental education to Sonora, Calif., sixth graders in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. ...**Anthony Dew** is pursuing an acting career while redubbing Japanese martial arts films for re-release in Canada! ...**Terri Lynch** teaches high school French in Gilford, N.H. ...**Jose Gangotena** attends law school in Quito, Ecuador, and works for ABN-AMRO Bank. ...**Mary Castner** is volunteering with the Christian Appalachian Project in Kentucky, helping the handicapped. ...**Jeff Smith** works for Fidelity Investment in Boston. ...**Andrew W. Smith** tends bar in the Sunshine State and is currently "finding himself." ...**Peter Anderson** is in New York. ...**Claudia Cooper** reports for a local paper in St. Maarten, West Indies. ...**Chris Adshead** is skiing in Breckenridge, Colo., with **Dave Findley,** Dave Rogers '92, and **Kilian Fargus**. ...**Lynelle Preston** works for a non-profit environmental planning group called the Jackson Hole Alliance for Responsible Planning in Jackson, Wyo. ...Blast from the past **Tim Cahill** works in an urban Peace Corps called City Year in Boston. He's also campaigning for his brother, Michael '83, for state rep. in Beverly, Mass. ...**Wendy Hart** is in Sri Lanka with the Peace Corps. ...**Kristen Gustavson** is gearing up for year six at Middlebury. ...Thank you all for writing. Clearly, plans and positions change rapidly for us new alums. Keep us posted!

OBITUARIES

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ANNA NOVAK MERRILL, 97, of Montpelier, Vt., on March 3, 1992. She was born in Transylvania, and moved with her family to the U.S. in 1905. She attended schools in Middlebury, Vt., and graduated as salutatorian of her high school class. After graduation from Middlebury, she taught at Bristol, Vt., High School and was a tutor of English in Sweden after her 1920 marriage to Perry Merrill. She then tutored and worked as a substitute teacher in Essex Junction, Vt., Middlebury and Montpelier. She served her alma mater as a member of the Alumni Council, and was a member of the Tri-State Alumnae Club. She was a longtime member of the AAUW, the Montpelier Women's Club, and the Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs, having served the last as chairman and conservation committee chairman. She also served three terms on the Montpelier school board. A member of the Bethany United Church of Christ in Montpelier since 1933, she was past president of Bethany Church Women. She also volunteered

as a Red Cross Gray Lady, with the Meals on Wheels program and the Girl Scout Council. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four daughters, Ann Merrill Otis '45, Sylvia Sheridan, Cynthia Price and June Paul; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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KATHRYN FINNEGAN BEAUREGARD, 90, a longtime resident of Southbridge, Mass., on February 6, 1992, at the Bentley Gardens Healthcare Center in West Haven, Conn. She was born in Worcester, Mass., and prepared for college at South and Classical high schools there. At Middlebury she was active in intramural sports and the Cercle Francais. Upon graduation, she embarked on a 48-year career in teaching and educational administration at Southbridge High School. She was first a teacher of French and Spanish, then became head of the modern languages department, and then served as a guidance counselor and dean of girls. She was also a coach of several girls' athletic teams and adviser to several student organizations. In 1963 she was elected to Delta Kappa Gamma, the international honorary society for women in education, and was inducted in 1991 to the Southbridge H.S. Athletic Hall of Fame. She earned a master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury in 1947, and did further graduate work at Boston University. She was a member of the Massachusetts Retired Teachers' Association and a former member of the state teachers' association, the Southbridge Evening Women's Club and the Daughters of Isabella. She married Mozart Beauregard in 1935; he died in 1944. She is survived by a brother, Joseph Finnegan '27, and several nieces and nephews.

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ANNIE BALDWIN POTTER, 92, of Greenwood, Mass., on March 15, 1992, after a period of failing health. She was born in North Stratford, N.H., where she attended high school. After completing two years at Mt. Holyoke, she transferred to Middlebury in 1920, and graduated with the Class of 1922. After graduation, she spent four years teaching at high schools in New Hampshire and Vermont, and from 1926 to 1930 she taught English at Wakefield, Mass., High School. She was a longtime member of the Greenwood Union Church and served for many years as its organist. She also served on various church committees and taught Sunday School. For 10 years she was the organist for the Harmony Chapter #60, Order of the Eastern Star, to which she had belonged since 1929. She is survived by her husband, Ralph F. Potter, who she married in 1928; a son, Stanley E. Potter; two daughters, Martha Jean Potter Crouse '52 and Dorothy Potter Bryant; two sisters, Dorothy Baldwin Frye and Ruth Baldwin Murray '25; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a niece, Karol Baldwin Teiko '54. She was the sister of the late Martha Baldwin Thompson '24 and the aunt of the late Judith Baldwin Currie '59.

1924

STANTON A. HARRIS, 89, of Phoenix, Ariz., on February 3, 1992. He was born on a farm adjacent to the College and attended local schools. He was preceded at Middlebury by his brother, Homer Harris '18. A chemistry major, Stanton Harris continued in the field after earning his B.S. degree and received a master's from Middlebury in 1926. He then went on to Iowa State, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1931, and was elected to Sigma Xi upon graduation. His studies led to a career in research chemistry, including 30 years at the research laboratories of Merck & Co. in Rahway, N.J. At Merck, he participated in the synthesis of vitamins and of penicillin. He published more than 40 scientific papers and received more than 100 U.S. patents for his work. Co-recipient of the 1941 Mead Johnson Award in Nutrition for his work on the isolation, structure and synthesis of Vitamin B6, he was the co-author of articles about the vitamin in a textbook and the *Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology*. He married Mary S. Pilgrim in 1927, and they lived for nearly 30 years in Westfield, N.J., where they were active members of the First Congregational Church. Dr. Harris was a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Society for Cancer Research, the Phoenix Camera Club, the Kiwanis and the Mayflower Society. His wife died in 1986. He is survived by two daughters, Ruth Harris Carlson '51 and Mary Elizabeth Harris Stuller; a son, Robert S. Harris; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Other alumni survivors include a nephew, Donald G. Harris '49.

1924

MARGARET HARRIMAN SEELY, 89, of Norwich, Conn., on March 11, 1992. She was born in East Machias, Maine, and moved to Middlebury, Vt., at the age of two. She attended local schools and, with several classmates, entered Middlebury College in 1920. "Harry," as she was known to her friends, was a very warm-hearted and energetic person, active in sports—especially field hockey, basketball, and hiking—and served on the Women's Athletic Council. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Harry also served on the Sophomore Rules Committee and was a member of the Apollo Club. After graduation, she studied at Columbia University, then at Roosevelt Hospital School of Nursing and received her R.N. in 1927. She then became an instructor of nursing at Ann May Memorial Hospital in Spring Lake, N.J., and at Roosevelt Hospital, where she was also night supervisor. From 1935 to 1937 she served as College Nurse at Middlebury. Harry married George Seely, a graduate of New York University, in 1937. Together they spent many years in Venezuela before returning to the States. They had a daughter and a son, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. After her husband's death in 1985, Harry made her home with her daughter and son-in-law in Norwich. Several of her grandchildren live in the Norwich area, which made the final years of her life especially happy ones. The class extends deepest sympathy to the Seely family.
—Amy Hunt Meek '24

1926

CLARA PARK BURNSIDE, 88, of Wethersfield, Conn., on January 31, 1992. A native of Colchester, Conn., and a graduate of Bacon Academy there, she majored in English at Middlebury and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Active in the Student Government Association, she served as president during her senior year, sang in the College Choir, and was elected to Banshee, the senior women's society. After graduation she taught home economics at high schools in Montpelier, Vt., Danbury and Hartford, Conn., prior to her 1940 marriage to Orrin Burnside. She was a member and deaconess of the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield, having served as a lay minister and president of the Women's Fellowship. She was also a member and former secretary of the Green Thumb Garden Club, and was a former president of the Middlebury Alumnae Club of Hartford. Predeceased by her husband, she is survived by a sister, Celia Ray; a nephew and three nieces.

1926

ADA WINCHESTER CHROMEC, 86, of Springfield, Vt., on January 15, 1992. She was born in Rupert, Vt., and attended school there and in Pawlet, Vt., before graduating from the Troy Conference Academy in Poultney, Vt. An English major at Middlebury, she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority and served as captain of the class basketball and volleyball teams. She was president of the Women's Athletic Association during her senior year, served on the Senior Cane Committee and was elected to Banshee. After graduation, she taught school in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rutland, Vt., prior to her 1934 marriage to Frank Chromec '30. Together they owned and operated Chromec's Furniture Store in Springfield for many years. Mrs. Chromec later returned to teaching and from 1967 to 1972 she taught English at Springfield's Riverside Junior High School. She was a member of the Springfield First Congregational Church and the Springfield Hospital Auxiliary and spent many hours as a Red Cross volunteer at the hospital and blood bank. She was a former class agent and Middlebury Alumni Council member. Ada was an avid golfer and a member of the Crown Point Country Club. Predeceased by her husband in 1987, she is survived by a son, F. Winchester Chromec '69; a daughter, Lila Hemlin; a sister, Lila Winchester Doe '22; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1927

H. HAMILTON JONES, 87, of Katonah, N.Y., on March 20, 1992. A native of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., and a graduate of the high school there, he majored in American literature and was president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Middlebury. A longtime employee of the New York Telephone Co., he was manager of the firm's White Plains office at the time of his 1966 retirement. He was a member of the Katonah Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, served as head of the United Way of Westchester, and was an elder and trustee of the Bedford Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Adelaide Thorn Jones; a daughter and son-in-law, Cleone Jones Sporborg '49 and Anthony Sporborg '50; three grandchildren, including Hamilton Sporborg '74; and four great-grandchildren.

1928

ANNA BELISLE DALEY, 85, of San Francisco, on January 1, 1992. The daughter of Hector and Grace Potter Belisle '99, she was born in Lawrence, Mass., and prepared for college at Durfee High School in Fall River, Mass. At Middlebury, "Nan" majored in American literature and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She served as a reporter and assistant editor for *The Campus*, contributor to and editor of *The Saxonian*, and editor of the 1928 *Kaleidoscope*. She was also a member of the Dramatic and English clubs. Nan's writings in both prose and poetry seemed to presage a literary career. After receiving her A.B., she did editorial research and publicity for Houghton Mifflin and D.C. Heath in Boston. Her 1933 marriage to architect James A. Daley found her changing coasts and career focus. After moving to Fresno, Calif., in 1942, she became a power in the Democratic Party, founded the San Francisco Council of Democratic Clubs, served on California's Democratic Central Committee, and was a delegate to several Democratic presidential conventions. At the age of 65 she became the executive secretary to the sheriff of the city and county of San Francisco. She then headed the Victim/Witness Assistance Program of the San Francisco District Attorney's office, before retiring in 1988. Nan loved Middlebury, having served at various times as an alumni admissions interviewer and a fund raiser. Even her duties in city and county government couldn't keep her from attending 1928 class reunions. For her career achievements, she was named a recipient of Middlebury's Alumni Achievement Award in 1989. Nan's husband died in 1966. She is survived by four sons, James Jr., Eugene, Eliot and Walter Daley; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, to all of whom we express our sympathy.
—Miriam Sweet Coombs '28

1928

RICHARD G. GOULD, 85, of Gwynedd, Pa., on October 20, 1991. He was born in Pachuca, Mexico, and was raised in Bristol and Middlebury, Vt. After receiving his A.B., he did graduate work at the New York School of Social Work, in preparation for what became his life's work. He began his career at Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and later was a commissioner for the Westchester County Department of Public Welfare. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army, as an adjutant and personnel officer of the 110th General Hospital near Cheltenham, England. He was discharged with the rank of major in 1946. He then resumed his career in social work before retiring to Hanover, N.H., in 1972, where he gave 14 years of volunteer service in Eldercare for the state's Department of Human Services and the Grafton Senior Citizens Board. At Middlebury, Dick was drum major of the College Band, and sang in the College Choir and the Men's Glee Club. A talented actor, he appeared in and helped produce several Dramatic Club and Wig & Pen productions. He was an excellent student and a Rhodes Scholar candidate. We predicted a theater career for him, but heartily respect the choice he ultimately made. We express our sympathy to his wife, Emily, their three sons, Richard Jr., John, and Thomas, and their families.

— Miriam Sweet Coombs '28

1929

JOHN A. FUHRER, 86, a lifelong resident of Utica, N.Y., on March 21, 1992, after a long fight with cancer. Professionally, John was a master player and teacher of contract bridge; apart from wartime employment in industry, he devoted himself exclusively to organizational work and to the highest level of competition in that field. At Middlebury, where he joined Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, he was active in the Glee Club and the German Club and will be remembered especially for the prominent roles he had in college and class plays. His survivors include a niece, Virginia M. Sheridan, and a nephew, Ralph G. Comenale.

— Raymond J. Saulnier '29

1929

STILLMAN F. KELLEY, II, 85, of Camden, Maine, on March 3, 1992, at a Rockport, Maine, hospital. He was born in Norfolk, Conn., and prepared for college at the Middlesex School. In all probability, his skill in hockey and his enthusiasm for that sport began there, but were much in evidence at Middlebury, where he earned varsity "M"s in both hockey and baseball. A member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, "Still" was married in 1931 to the former Katharyn Norris. He then settled into work in the Boston financial community, first as a stock broker with Tucker, Anthony, and, after World War II, as an independent financial counselor and investor. During the war he served on active duty as a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve, and was discharged as a lieutenant commander. Confirming the proposition that "once a sailor, always a sailor," he crossed and re-crossed the Atlantic in 1956 in the *Malabar*, a 41-foot schooner. In retirement in Camden, where he and his family had regularly spent summers, Stillman was a prominent and eagerly participating member of the community: a member of the board of the Megunticook Lake Assn.; fundraiser for the Camden Snow Bowl; president of the Megunticook Golf Club and chairman of the greens committee; and chairman of the rules committee of the Camden Yacht Club. His first wife died in 1978. He married Priscilla S. Deaver in 1981, and she survives him, as do his three daughters: Priscilla Kelley Sadler '54, Meta Kelley and Edith Katherine Manns; a son, Stillman R. Kelley; and four grandchildren.

— Raymond J. Saulnier '29

1931

HELEN HOADLEY BROWN, 81, of Guilford, Conn., on January 24, 1992. She was born in New Haven, Conn., and prepared for college at Branford, Conn., High School. At Middlebury she joined Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and was active in the Drama Club. After graduation she became a deputy clerk in the U.S. District Court in New Haven, before her 1939 marriage to Throop C. Brown. From 1960 to 1975 she worked as a secretary and assistant librarian at the Blackstone Memorial Library in Branford. She was a lifetime member of Trinity Episcopal Church of Branford and was a member of the Branford Women's Club. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Throop Brown Jr.; two sisters, H. Elizabeth Hoadley '28 and Jean Hoadley Dudley '38; and a granddaughter.

1932

RICHARD H. BERRY, 83, of Shoreham, Vt., and Crown Point, N.Y., on January 5, 1992. Mr. Berry was born in Crown Point, and attended high school there and at Mount Hermon School. Throughout his college career, Dick was involved in numerous activities, including freshman football, interfraternity baseball and basketball, Glee Club, Frosh Frolic and Junior Prom committees. He was a member of Chi Psi fraternity. Upon graduation, Dick became a salesman for the Royal Scarlet Co. and then moved to New York City, where he became assistant to the delivery superintendent at Abraham & Strauss Department Store. Because of illness, he moved back to Crown Point and, upon his recovery, began work as an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Promotion to the position of assistant manager brought him to Plattsburgh, N.Y., and in 1944, he was appointed instructor in the company's field training division. He soon became division supervisor in charge of training in New York and Connecticut. In 1950, he assumed his first district managership, in Meriden, Conn. He held the same position in Buffalo, Albany and Schenectady until his disability retirement in 1967. Dick was formerly married to Claire Senecal; surviving their parents are three daughters, Anne Quoos, Kay Gunnison and Penny Carr. Mr. Berry is survived by his wife, Eleanor Benjamin Berry '32; a stepdaughter, Virginia Clemens Bryant '68; a stepson, Timothy Clemens '73; eight grandchildren, two nieces, and several step-grandchildren.

1934

KATHERINE BELL STEVENSON, 79, of Delmar, N.Y., on January 15, 1992, after a long illness. A native of Albany and a graduate of Albany Academy for Girls, she spent her freshman year at Middlebury and graduated from SUNY/Albany in 1934. She earned her master's degree in French from Middlebury in 1943. From 1934 until 1947, she was a teacher of high school French and Latin, first in Bayport, Long Island, and then in East Greenbush, N.Y., where she was also head of Columbia High School's foreign language department. From 1956 to 1970 she worked in the purchasing department of the N.Y. State Thruway Authority in Albany. She was married in 1947 to Thomas S. Stevenson, who survives her, as does a son, John H. Stevenson '70.

1936

CLARENCE W. HARWOOD, 77, a longtime resident of Middletown, Conn., on December 12, 1991, in Cromwell, Conn. A native of Rupert, Vt., he came to college from Granville, N.Y., High School. His older brother, C. Raymond Harwood '32, preceded him at Middlebury. A biology major at Middlebury, he was a writer and editor for *The Campus*, and was active in the Mountain Club. Upon graduation he enrolled at the University of Vermont Medical School, earning his M.D. in 1940. After serving his internship at Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces and was discharged as a captain in the medical corps in 1945. After completing a residency in pediatrics, he opened his pediatric practice in Middletown in 1948, where he practiced until his retirement in 1985. During his years there, he served on the staff at Middlesex Memorial Hospital, and was chairman of the hospital's department of pediatrics. He was a 38-year member and past chairman of the Middletown Board of Health, and was active in local, state, and national medical societies. An active member of the South Congregational Church, he had served for many years as a deacon, and was an honorary deacon at the time of his death. A member of the Rotary Club for 35 years, he had served on its board of directors. He was also a member of the Greater Middletown Chorale and was active in the Middlesex County Historical Society. Predeceased in 1983 by his wife, Emma McLean Harwood, he is survived by three daughters, Doris Sabin, Elaine and Ruth Harwood; two sons, Russell and Charles Harwood; his twin brother, Dr. Clifford B. Harwood; and several grandchildren.

1938

VIRGINIA HOWE HAY, 75, of Easton, Pa., on March 21, 1992. She was born in Wilmington, Vt., and was a graduate of its high school. "Jidge," as she was affectionately known, was a member of Phi Mu sorority and a biology major at Middlebury. After graduation she earned a master's degree in nursing at Yale University. She then became head nurse and medical supervisor at the Hospital of the Good Shepherd in Syracuse, N.Y. She retired from the nursing profession when her first child was born, and then resumed her career in 1965, when she went to work as a nursing supervisor at hospitals in Bethlehem and Easton. A member of the First United Church of Christ in Easton, she had served on the boards of the Easton Children's Home and the Visiting Nurse Association. Her first husband, Dr. Andrew D. Chidsey III, to whom she was married in 1941, died in 1963. Jidge married Dr. Horace L. Hay Jr. in 1969. In addition to her husband, she leaves four sons, Andrew D. Chidsey IV, James F., Frederick W., and David M. Hay; a daughter, Lynn C. Katrick; a brother, Ralph W. Howe Jr.; a sister, Mary H. Johnson; and 11 grandchildren. Those of us who knew Jidge will miss her very much.

— Josephine Minder Hoptay '38

1938

RICHARD J. SHEEHY, 76, of Menands, N.Y., and Middlebury, Vt., on February 25, 1992. A native of Glens Falls, N.Y., and a graduate of its high school, he majored in French at Middlebury and was a member of Kappa Phi Kappa. For 44 years, Dick was a professor of French at Siena College. He did graduate work at Middlebury's French School, earned his master's degree at SUNY/Albany in 1939, and his doctorate at Columbia University in 1971. Dick began his teaching career at Cincinnatus, N.Y., High School. In 1942, he enlisted in the the U.S. Coast Guard and administered aptitude and placement tests at bases in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Groton, Conn. His career at Siena College began after his discharge from the service in 1946 and extended until 1990, when he retired due to ill health. During his tenure at Siena, he was chairman of the modern language department for many years. Dick enjoyed traveling, particularly to Strasbourg, France, and the various meeting sites of the Modern Language Association, of which he was an active member. He is survived by a brother, James Sheehy, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

— Nelson C. Keables '38

1940

H. GAITHER NORTON, 72, of New Milford, Conn., on July 17, 1991. Hank was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and prepared for college at the Pingry School. He left Middlebury at the end of our freshman year, after the death of his father. He later took courses at NYU and Stevens Institute of Technology. After a stint in the Marine Corps during World War II, he went to UCLA, graduated in 1952 with honors in economics and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Gamma Mu. Founder and president of H.G. Norton Co., a marketing firm for gourmet and specialty food producers, Hank held various positions in the specialty food industry, and was director of the Manufacturers Council of the National Food Distributors Assoc. at the time of his death. He was written up in Marquis' *Who's Who in Finance and Industry* and in *Who's Who in the World*. Predeceased by his wife, the former Laura Smith, his survivors include four daughters: Priscilla Mowry, Elaine Hookes, Laura Marks and Ellen Underwood; and two sons, Craig and Scott Norton. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

— Robert and Barbara Plumer Alden, both '40

1946

ELIZABETH M. BRANCH, 68, of St. Albans, Vt., on January 9, 1992. A native of St. Albans, she was the daughter of John and Florence Aseltine Branch '14. She prepared for college at Bellows Free Academy in St. Albans and at the Northampton School. At Middlebury she majored in English and joined Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was a four-year member of the Mountain Club and Forum. After graduation she taught English in Vermont, first at Thetford Academy and then at Montpelier High School. She was most recently employed as an assistant at the King's Daughters Home in St. Albans. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of St. Albans. She leaves no close relatives.

1946

JOYCE MICKEY ERDMAN, 67, of Shorewood Hills, Wisc., and Carefree, Ariz., on February 11, 1992, in Carefree, of injuries sustained in a bicycling accident. A native of Washington, D.C., and a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School there, she spent two years at Middlebury, and joined Delta Delta Delta sorority. She transferred to the University of Wisconsin, earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in economics, and became the first woman ever elected president of the University's student government. Married in 1946 to Marshall Erdman, they made their home in the Madison area for many years. Mrs. Erdman was appointed to the University of Wisconsin's Board of Regents in 1975 and became the first woman president of the board in 1980. She was also the first woman to serve as president of the Shorewood Hills Village Board. She served on a statewide School Finance Task Force in the 1970s, was a director of the Madison Arts Center, and was a member of the Memorial Union Building Committee. In addition to her husband, she leaves four children, Deborah, Tim, Rustin and Daniel.

1948

WILLIAM A. PERKINS, 65, of St. Louis, Mo., on March 3, 1992. A native of Newport, R.I., he graduated from Rogers High School there. As a child, he was a soloist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Newport and remained active in music throughout his school years. At Middlebury, he was a four-year member of the Little Symphony and the College Choir. He was a camp counselor at the National Music Camp in Interlochen, Mich. After working at the New York Stock Exchange for many years, he became the vice president of Bunge Corp. and worked as the company's representative in Switzerland and Brazil. At the time of his death, he was working in the company's St. Louis branch office, which he had recently opened. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Perkins; three sons, Roger, Eric and Marc Perkins; two daughters, Adrienne Geller and Karen Perkins; two sisters, Harriet McCaffrey and Carolyn Howell; a step-sister, Emma Mallia; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1950

HAMMOND LADD Jr., 64, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., on January 16, 1992. The son of Edith and Hammond Ladd '13, he was born in White Plains, N.Y. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a participant in the 3-2 plan, and earned degrees from Middlebury and MIT. While at Middlebury, he joined Theta Chi fraternity. A longtime resident of Cohasset, Mass., he moved to South Carolina in 1973 and was owner of Collectibles on Hilton Head Island. Mr. Ladd was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He is survived by a son, Paul Ladd; a brother, Richard Ladd; and two sisters, Edith Ladd Evans '41 and Mary Hair.

1953

MARY JANE HANCOCK MORRISSEY, 60, of Chappaqua, N.Y., on March 19, 1992, of a pulmonary embolism. "Jary" was an American literature major at Middlebury and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She married John Morrissey in 1957. Jary had lived for the past 30 years in Chappaqua. She was a well-known painter and had won several awards for her watercolors. A board member of the Chappaqua Artists Guild, she also belonged to the Mamaroneck Artists Guild and the National League of Pen Women. In addition to her husband, Jary is survived by two children, Robert and Ann.

— Anne Coleman Zehner '53

1958

JUDITH LAWTON KAYLE, 56, of Hamilton Square, N.J., on November 15, 1991. She was born in Trenton, N.J., the daughter of Grace (Cella) and William Lawton '23. At Middlebury she was active in the Mountain Club and was a member of Theta Chi Omega sorority. Formerly employed with her father at the Center for Educational Advancement, she was co-owner of Banner Business Associates of Princeton and was formerly affiliated with Princeton University and the RCA Corp. in Princeton. She is survived by two daughters, Jennifer '91 and Cynthia Kayle; a sister, Helen Lawton Wilson; two brothers, William Henry Lawton II and Charles Lawton; and several nieces and nephews.

1986

MARY CATHERINE GIBBS HOBBS, 27, of Ogdensburg, N.Y., on March 31, 1992, unexpectedly, at her home. "Katie" was born in Potsdam, N.Y., and graduated in 1982 from Potsdam High School. She pursued her musical talents at Middlebury as a cellist in the College Orchestra. She majored in history, and was a house director in Milliken Hall during her senior year. Graduating with honors, she later earned her master's degree in teaching at SUNY/Potsdam. Katie had worked as a Spanish teacher at Ogdensburg Free Academy for one and a half years. She was a member of the Notre Dame Church and the New York State Teachers Association. Katie's entire life had been devoted to her faith, family and friends. The Class of 1986 extends its deepest sympathy to her husband, Thomas W. Hobbs, and their daughter, Grace Margaret, who was born last June; to her parents, Robert and Susan Gray Gibbs; her sister, Margaret Gibbs Warren '89; her brothers, David and Joseph Gibbs; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray; and her paternal grandfather, Raymond Gibbs.

— June Larrabee Sargent '86

FACULTY

JOHN GERALD BOWKER, 89, professor emeritus of mathematics and dean emeritus of the faculty at Middlebury, died April 20, 1992, at his home in Middlebury after a long illness. Dean Bowker joined the Middlebury faculty in 1926 and was named Baldwin Professor of Mathematics in 1952. He was appointed dean of the faculty the following year, a position he held until retiring in 1967. He was awarded an honorary degree from his alma mater, Tufts University, in 1958. He graduated from Tufts in 1924, earned a master's degree in education from Harvard in 1931, and also pursued post-graduate studies at the University of Michigan and the University of London. In 1934, he co-authored the book, *Elementary Mathematical Analysis* with Professor Llewellyn Perkins and, in 1958, co-authored *Mathematics of Finance*. Dean Bowker had served as a director of the Middlebury Savings and Loan Association for many years, and was elected to a term as president of the Vermont League of Savings and Loan Associations. He served four terms as a trustee of the village of Middlebury, and was an active member of leading mathematical and teaching associations. During World War II, Dean Bowker served as coordinator for the Civil Air Patrol in Vermont. He was a member of Union Lodge Number 2, F&AM. He is survived by his wife, Doris; a son, John D. Bowker '52 of Sun City Center, Fla.; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service and reception were held at Middlebury's Congregational Church in May. In a statement to the College community following Dean Bowker's death, President John McCardell said that "Gene Bowker was a major force in the College's academic life for more than four decades and continued as an active member of the community and as a neighbor, living on Adirondack View. ... His skill and endurance in the exacting position (of dean) gained him the respect and affection of all who worked with him. ... The College wishes to send its condolences to his wife, Doris, and his son, John."

BEQUESTS

From the estate of **Madeleine D. Stillwagon** '26, $3,682.49 to establish the Madeleine D. Stillwagon '26 Memorial in the Alumni Endowment.

From the estate of **Caroline L. Flaccus**, M.A. Russian '53, $5,000 for the Language Schools Endowment Fund.

From the estate of **Mary J. Vonasek**, M.A. Spanish '63, $72,000 for the Language Schools Endowment Fund, bringing the total bequest to $132,000.

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the details and refine my solution — I often *discover* new and better ways of doing it. Sometimes these new approaches fall within the same basic structure. Sometimes they do not. Whether they do or don't, it is the original structure that provides a framework in which the new discoveries are made.

So how does the writing of fiction rely on structure and creativity? In this instance, most people probably first think of the necessity of creativity (hence the term creative writing.) However the same process of control and discovery is at work here, too. If I were to tell 20 people to write a story about some particular subject, even if I were very explicit about that subject, I would get 20 different stories. Many of them would be very different, and yet equally good. (And some of them would not be very good.) Does this sound vaguely familiar? I hope it does. The differences between creative writing and designing an algorithm might not be as great as they first seemed.

So what is the role of structure in creative writing? Again, the roles are many. There is structure in story itself. It has plot. A beginning. An end. It has characters, scenes, motion. Of course, none of these things are given. As with a program, they are developed by the writer. But they are developed with a pattern in mind. Also, writing is done in the context of language. And, as was the case with writing a program, this language has structure. Sentences themselves have structure.

Now it is true that in terms of the strictness of syntax, a natural language has considerably less structure than a formal language. That is why we are often inclined to make a mistake in contrasting the two tasks: it is tempting to think that the more structure there is, the less creativity. Yet is this really the case? A poem has more structure than a story. A sonnet has more structure than a free verse poem. Does that imply that a poem is less creative than a story? That a sonnet is less creative than free verse? No. The structure and the creativity go hand in hand.

Again, let me return to my own writing as an example — this time my writing of fiction rather than my writing of programs. When I begin a story, I usually have some plan for where that story is going. I know who the characters are, and I have a basic outline for the plot. This much is in control from the start. But there is much that is not known — much that is *discovered* during the process of writing. New characters emerge whom I didn't know existed. Old characters react to situations differently than I might have expected them to. The entire structure of the story may change to accommodate my new discoveries. Once again, however, even these discoveries were made within the context of a certain amount of control. The two — control and discovery, or structure and creativity — work together throughout the process, much as they do in the design of an algorithm or computer program.

A final illustration of this interaction arose for me in the very process of writing this article. I began with an outline of a number of points I hoped to raise, and in my first draft mentioned that methods for teaching creative writing would clearly be vastly different from methods of teaching programming. But over the course of writing the article, I discovered something: that even the teaching methods were not as different as I thought. In both cases, it seems very important for students to study examples — to read well-written stories and programs. But nothing replaces the simple task of practice. To learn to write fiction, or computer programs, you've got to write, write and write some more.

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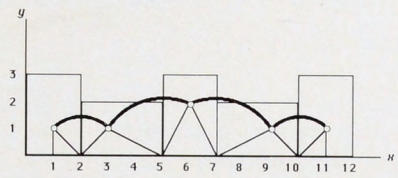
The 52nd Putnam Exam, Question A-1

The diagram below shows the initial position of the rectangle, and its four subsequent positions (after each 90° rotation).



The dots represent the positions of the point originally at (1,1). The heavy shaded curve is swept out by the point over the course of the rotations. The lighter lines divide the area below the curve into a collection of triangles and quarter circles. Computing these smaller areas and adding the results gives a total area of:

$$A = 6 + \frac{7\pi}{2} \text{ sq. units}$$

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1. Let the rods have lengths $1 \le x < y < z \le 10$. Simply count all possible x,y,z with $x+y>z$. Let N(t) be the number of such triangles with x=t. Then N(1) = 0, N(2) = 7, N(3) = 11, N(4) = 12, N(5) = 10, N(6) = 6, N(7) = 3, N(8) = 1, N(9) = N(10) = 0. So the total number is 50.

2. Let x = n, y = n! - 1, and z = n!. Then x! y! = (n!)! = z!. (Note that n! denotes the product of all natural numbers from 1 to n.)

3. Answer: $\pi/4$

4. Hint: Use the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality.

5. Hint: Use the pigeon hole principle.

6. Answer: 38 is the largest even integer not expressible as the sum of two odd composite numbers.

Proof: If $2n>38$ then $n \ge 20$ and the last digit of 2n is 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8.
(i) If the last digit is 0 then write 2n = 15 + (2n-15).
(ii) If the last digit is 2 then write 2n = 27 + (2n-27).
(iii) If the last digit is 4 then write 2n = 9 + (2n-9).
(iv) If the last digit is 6 then write 2n = 21 + (2n-21).
(v) If the last digit ;is 8 then write 2n = 33 + (2n-33).
In all five cases above the term in parentheses is divisible by 5 and is larger than 5, hence it is composite.

Structure and creativity: Are the sciences and the humanities really that different?

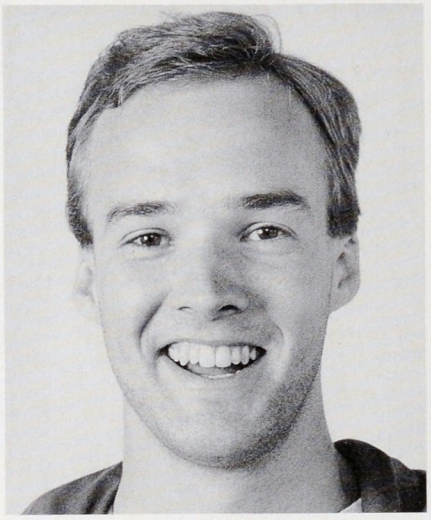
By Matthew Dickerson

Even at a liberal arts college such as Middlebury, many people perceive something of a dichotomy between the humanities and the sciences. This attitude is certainly prevalent among students. Many "humanities types" live in a paralyzing fear of their required science courses, while their science major counterparts dread courses in the humanities — especially courses which may involve (horror of horrors) *writing*. The question then arises: *How fundamentally different are these areas of study?*

That there are significant differences seems an obvious point. Indeed, the very concept of "distributive requirements" implies a fundamental distinction between the disciplines. For instance, learning formal mathematical proofs would not be very helpful in a poetry class — one cannot "prove" a poem "correct" — nor would methods of literary criticism necessarily aid one when trying to solve a difficult physics problem. But there are striking similarities between the arts and the sciences which I think are often overlooked. One of the most important of these is the interaction between structure and creativity.

To illustrate, let me put forth a comparison that comes from two fields of interest to me: computer science and creative writing. Consider the tasks of designing an algorithm (or writing a program) and writing a story. Though these seem like vastly different endeavors, they hold a remarkable kinship in the interaction between structure and creativity.

There is considerable structure involved in a computer program. The clearest example is the programming language itself. A formal language (such as Pascal or Basic) has a very specific syntax. One must understand the structure of the language in order to write a program in it. How is a variable declared? How is iteration accomplished? And independent of the particular language, there is structure in the algorithm, and structure in the data; computers understand only 0's and 1's, called 'bits', and so we must structure



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these bits into more abstract types of data, such as integers, real numbers, characters, pictures, sounds, etc.

Perhaps most importantly, there is structure in the problem itself — the problem that the program is an attempt to solve. Before one can even begin to work on a solution, one must understand the problem. This may involve some seemingly simple questions — What should the input look like? How should the program interact with its environment? — as well as some more complex considerations: What are the important mathematical properties of the various objects?

The question then arises: With all this structure, is there any room for creativity? To answer that question, one need only point to the many important problems which have been well-studied but for which nobody has ever been able to discover a solution, in the form of an efficient algorithm. Or, even more appropriately, consider those problems that finally *have been* solved only after years of work by numerous computer scientists. Why did they remain unsolved for so long? Because the solutions required not only an understanding of the structure but also a creative leap, or creative insights. Once these creative insights come, the solutions are often both elegant and surprisingly simple — indeed, they are at times *so* simple that others are left shaking their heads and wondering how they missed them.

Let me illustrate this process from my own experience. When given a new "open" problem to work on, I will begin by studying the "structure" of that problem. Since my research area is computational geometry, that often means studying the geometric properties of the objects involved. Then I propose a possible solution. If the solution seems valid, I will begin to write it down formally, specifying all of the necessary details. It is during this process that I often discover a new, better way of solving the problem. If the new solution is significantly different, I might throw out my original work and start again from scratch — a process which might repeat many times. My hope is that I have understood the structure well enough *and* the creative insights come, and so I will end with something worthwhile. However, there are no guarantees that anything will result.

To return to the more concrete example of writing a program, we note that just understanding the structure is not enough. One can know the syntax of a particular programming language and yet not be able to write good programs. If the structure of the language determined everything, then there would only be one program ever written in any language. But we all know that this isn't the case. Indeed, for any one given problem, 20 programmers can (and will) produce 20 different "solutions." Some solutions that are very different might be equally good. (And some of them will *not* be very good.) This is where creativity comes in!

The process can be viewed as a mixture of control and discovery. When I write a computer program, I begin with a chart specifying the essential structure of the program. The structure of that chart *controls* the design of the program. However as the design progresses — as I work out

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